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·Chechen horrors shame Yeltsin

Rout of Army spoils President's big day

HELEN WOMACK Moscow CARLOTTA GALL

Chechen rebels heaped humiliation on President Boris Yeltsin yesterday, trapping his army in Grozny as he promised in an inaugural oath to protect his people and uphold the security of

After seizing large parts of the Chechen capital, hesieging government buildings and pinning down thousands of Russtian soldiers, the rebels began to withdraw from the city by night-fall, satisfied that they had ruined Mr Yeltsin's hig day.

The inauguration ceremony, the first such event since Tsar Nicholas II's coronation in 1896, was largely overshadowed by the fighting in Chechnya, where rebels caught the . Russians flatfooted last Tuesday by storming into Grozuy.

Refugees were flooding out of the city last night, as new rebel units moved in. The sky was black with the smoke of burning oil from the refinery outside the city. Russian jets and helicopters circled overhead, and loud explosions could be heard. There were reports that the rebels had seized armoured vehicles from the Russians and were using them to repel fresh

attempts to seize back the city. Last night Russian officials and Chechen leaders were discussing a ceasefire, so that civilians and the wounded could be evacuated. The Russian government, clearly angry at the timing of the offensive, said: Bandits armed to the teeth are robbing and killing peaceful civilians, continuing the genocide against their own people." Russian commanders in Chechnya bave sought to crush.

the rebels with months and months of air and artillery strikes, but the rebel leaders remain confident that they can continue a "hit-and-run"

guerrilla war indefinitely. Even the reported death in April of

and return to their mountain strongholds during the weekend, having successfully ex-posed Russia's weakness at the moment of the inauguration.

Chechen leadership that was supposed to lead to the phased withdrawal of Russian forces starting next month. However, the fighting resumed almost as soon as Mr Yeltsin won re-election, and the rebels accusehim of arranging the truce purely to

The frail president, attending a public ceremony for the first time since the election on 3 July spoke slowly and moved stiffly as he was sworn in for a fouryear term that many Russians doubt he will complete. Said by one of his closest aides to be suffering from "colossal weariness", he stood on the flag- and flower-bedecked stage of the Kremlin palace for 16 minutes as he took his oath and was hlessed by Alexiy II, the Russ-

programme of political and won re-election. However, guests who attended a Kremlin given a speech longer than the oath of office, which he took 45 a toast and gave a speech. Then

their president, Dzhokhar Du-dayev, has failed to hreak their nerve or disrupt their unity. Rebel commanders said they intended to pull out of the city

Last June, the President agreed a truce with the

improve his poll prospects: ian Orthodox Patriarch.

His lacklustre appearance left unanswered many questions about his ability to govern Russia and to implement the economic reform on which he banquet afterwards said he had looked in better shape and had seconds to pronounce. One Western guest said. "He made be bad a few glasses of cham-pagne and he actually looked fairly sprightly when he walked

Painted ladies make for a butterfly summer



NICHOLAS SCHOON

Even if there's no Indian summer this year, a butterfly one seems certain. Lepidoptera have enjoyed a vintage year in

The greatest gainers are the painted lady butterfly and the Silver Y moth. They arrived in force from northern Africa and southern Europe in the early summer, have gone through one life-cycle and are now working hard to complete their

Several other migrant moths, including the gigantic convul-vulus bawk moth with its fourinch wing span, are also here in larger numbers than usual. So Rebel onslaught, page 8 larger numbers than usual. So Leading article, page 11 is the cluuded yellow butterfly.

Warm days and little rain have

"It's got all the hallmarks of being an extremely good year," said Dr Paul Waring of Butterfly Conservation, a wildlife charity. "As far as the migrants are concerned, the best is yet to

ed ladies and Silvery Y's flew in from Europe during the first

had their own caterpillars, so a further burst of adults is due. Through the summer, nu-

merous lepidoptera move north through Europe in waves. They can build up their numbers spectacularly by going through three, and sometimes even four. life-cycles, unlike a UK resident species, such as the orange up, which will breed just once a

Large numbers of the paint-

part of June, earlier than usual, helped by strong southern winds. Their caterpillars have become adults which bave now

But it will all be in vain, for very few can survive the British vinter. The exception is the red admiral, which is also baving a good year. It is mostly a migrant, although most people think that it is a native. But this species is known to "hack-migrate", with some flying south to warmer climes in the autumn.

Several butterflies which are permanent UK residents are also booming this summer, including the peacock, small tortoiseshell, the gatekeeper and the holly blue.

If pollution is warming Britain's climate, then several Continental species which are occasional summer visitors are likely to join them. The bloxsworth shout, a moth with a large nose, has shown the way. It used to be classed as a migrant, but

in the last few years it has set

up several breeding colonies in Devon.

Conditions which benefit popular, colourful species can also favour pests. The Forestry Commission has been warning of severe infestations of the pine beauty moth in Scotland, an insect which can kill entire timber trees and spread explosively through plantations. And the Silver Y has fed on oil-seed rape

Rail inquiry call An interim inquiry report into the Watford train crash should be published swiftly, Labour denmanded yesterday, amid

growing concern that privatis-

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Bogsiders change march route

DAVID MCKITTRICK ireland Correspondent

A little of the heat went out of the tense and expectant atnosphere in Londonderry Desterday when Catholic Bogside residents agreed to reroute part of a march, to take account of Protestant concerns.

The move was welcomed by both Protestant and Catholic representatives, many of whom still fear trouble when 10,000 or more loyalist Apprentice Boys

arrive in the city this morning. A number of families have moved out of the city, or sent their children away, in antici-

city was the scene of serious clashes between nationalists and the RUC last month.

The Apprentice Boys have said the decision to ban marchers from a section of the city walls which overlooks the Bogside has caused anger in the Unionist community.

Despite the route concession, it was disclosed last night that hundreds of extra troops have been moved to Ulster in case rioting breaks. The 1st Battalion The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment was flown to Ulster last month af-

vice of thanksgiving in Phy-

mouth Roman Catholic Cath-

pation of possible violence. The later withdrawn. Troops began returning on Thursday and were fully operational today, the Army said. The extra troops boosted the total to 17,500.

In Londonderry, the army and police have put in place concrete bollards and razor wire to make sure the city's western wall is sealed nff from both loyalists and nationalists.

Yesterday, the Bogside Residents Association responded to pressure from churchmen. politicians and Sinn Fein to steer last night's parade away from the Fountain estate, a small Protestant enclave within n ter the Drumcree crisis, but was mainly Catholic area.

They also agreed nnt to march to the Diamond, which is only a few hundred yards from an Apprentice Boys hall. This followed appeals by the city's Catholic and Church of Ireland bishops. The latter, Dr James Mehaffey, said he told Bogside representatives that Protestants in the Fountain district felt vulnerable. The bishop said he was pleased they "have taken

rights of Protestants." Sinn Fein leaders Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness also called for a change in the

the fears of other groups. Some Unionist representatives dismissed the move as a tactic. Democratic Unionist councillor Gregory Campbell said it would not ease difficulties in the city today. In other quarters, however, there was relief that a step had been taken which might defuse tensions.

very difficult time recognise

Meanwhile, the Nurthern Ireland Chamber of Commerce aboard in a new way the civil and Industry, warned that any repetition of the violence seen during and after the Drumcree route. Mr McGuinness said: "It ern Ireland so deeply that it is essential that all of us in this would take years to recover".

stand-off could "wound North-BUSINESS & CITY 15-18 LETTERS 11 SHARES18 Section 2

may involve man in dishonourable actions." But the rite fell into disuse until the Second Vatican Council reintroduced it in 1970. Since then the number of women choosing this path has

As recently as 1954 Pope Pius XII published an encyclical praising virginity, observing that: "As a consequence of the fall of Adam the lower faculties of human nature are no longer obedient to right reason, and

risen to about 100 in England.

irgins are discovered in ley, the first woman to take her "Give me one good reason why ANDREW BROWN vows as a consecrated virgin in I should," she replied. "Origi-Religious Affairs Correspondent this country after the tradition nally, consecrated people were

There are three in Essex - but none in Cardiff. Consecrated was revived in 1970. The women can be thought of as "free-range nuns". They take vows at a public ceremony virgins are appearing across the country, even in hostile terbut work afterwards alone and ritory. They are Roman Catholic women reviving one of the oldest customs of the Church. Next year there will be a ser-

almost anonymously, responsible only to their Bishop. "Two or three are almost hermits," Miss Bailey said yesterday. She herself took her vows edral to mark 25 years since the when she was 40. Why did she consecration of Elizabeth Bainot become a nun instead? when she was 40. Why did she

pushed into convents because it wasn't possible for women to live on their own in the world. That's not true any longer."

Consecrated virgins have an ancient history. In the early Church such women were extremely important. The bias against female sexuality made virgins seem to be the holiest of women, as well as the most



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Three tourists kidnapped in South Africa

MARY BRAID Johannesburg and JOJO MOYES

Three tourists were reported to have been kidnapped vesterday, only two hours after flying in to

Johannesburg Airport, Police officials said they feared for the lives of the travellers, who were reported by their minibus driver to have been abducted by five armed

Hundreds of extra police were pulled into the city to search for the tourists, who were apparently travelling from Johannesburg International airport to a hotel in Sandton, one of Johannesburg's most affluent suburbs.

The men were booked into believed that the booking was made through American Express in London and that Mr Sutzalakssana comes from West and I said it was coming along Sussex, although American Ex- all right - not like before, "said

company which picked up the men, said his driver, Peter Manyekane, had been hijacked on the main M1 motorway in

Mr Manyekane, who said be had touted for the trip at the airport, was ordered out and they were driven off towards Alexandra township. Police found the minibus abandoned. There was no sign of the passengers or their luggage, but no traces of blood were found either.

Mr Manyekane, 44, said the Zulu-speaking armed men pointed guns at him before throwing him out of the vehicle and driving off with the three oc-He said the hijack took place just minutes after he had tried

the Sandton Sun Hotel under to reassure his worried passenthe name D Sutzalakssana. It is gers that Johannesburg dubbed "the crime capital of Africa" - was becoming safer. "They asked me how it was

Janusch Lyczynski, director of Chauffeur Driven Tours, the three passengers by surprise. "We did not talk to each other, we were so scared," he said.

Manyekane said he had feared for his life in the attack and had frozen when he was hurled to the ground and robbed of his wallet. "There were many other cars, but no one came to help me," he said. Nearby residents had also been too scared to let him use their telephone to alert the police. Mr Lyczynski accused the

Alexandra police of reacting too slowly and of "asking too many uscless questions". He asked why a police helicopter had not been summoned as the vehicle was clearly identifiable, with the registration number painted on the roof. But police spokesman Capt Deon Peens said the flying squad, the highway patrol and local police were scouring Alexandra.

The abduction is bad news for Johannesburg. A 1996 travel guide gives four highlights of any stay in Johannesburg. One of them is "not being mugged".



SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Liverpool City Council must shut down part of its in-house contract workforce after overspending its targets by nearly £5m, the Government said yesterday. The Labour authority with the highest council tax was warned that other

in-house services also risk closure if they fail to meet targets. The council's direct labour organisations overspent by nearly £5m in 1994/95, including about £3m on highways and sewer work. Other areas were buildings cleaning, schools and welfare catering, grounds maintenance and vehicle maintenance. Sir Paul Beresford, the Environment minister, yesterday ruled that the council must cease 60 per cent of its grounds maintenance work by next February.

The council, which is considering mounting a legal challenge, says 250-300 jobs are affected, though incoming private contractors would be obliged to offer jobs to existing

Pail unions and London Transport returned to talks at the conciliation service Acas yesterday after management made a new offer to solve the Tube drivers' dispute. While the rail union RMT and the train drivers' union Aslef dismissed the offer as one rejected in talks last week, both sides appeared keen to break the deadlock before the strike planned for Tuesday. London Transport again asked the unions to suspend strike action and attend arbitration at the wages board on 28 August. Louise Jury

The Prison Officers' Association was severely criticised by the unions' watchdog over ballot-rigging in last year's chairmanship elections. Neither candidate for the post was ruled at fault by the certification officer for the Trade Unions and Employers' Associations, but the POA is now set to re-run the election at a cost of up to £60,000. Louise Jury

One of the Church of England's first female priests has been killed while on safari in Africa, the British High Commission disclosed yesterday. The Reverend Yvonne Irvine, 54, lost her footing and fell 75 feet at a waterfall in the Nyanga Mountains, Zimbahwe, last Wednesday. An inquest will be held into her death.

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Police cleared on arrest death

Mr Manyekane. He added that

Police will not face charges over the death of a Nigerian asylum seeker declared by an inquest jury to have beenun-lawfully killed, the Crown Prosecution Service said last night. Shiji Lapite. 34, died of asphysiation after being held in a neck-hold by plain-clothes police officers in north London in December 1994.

In January, an inquest jury at

CPS was to consider the verdict and the two officers remain suspended, pending the results of a Police Complaints Authority inquiry. But last night the CPS said: "There is insufficient evidence to ensue any criminal proceedings in connection with

The inquest had heard that father-of-two Lapite had been

St Pancras Coroner's Court re-turned the verdict that he had been unlawfully killed. The stopped for "acting suspicious-by" in Clapton by police officers, Paul Wright and Andrew Me-Callum. They described "a violent struggle". His death was recorded as "asphyxiation, with a contributory cause of cocaine intoxication".

The decision follows the in-

quest jury decision that boxing promoter Brian Douglas, 33, fa-tally injured in a clash with po-

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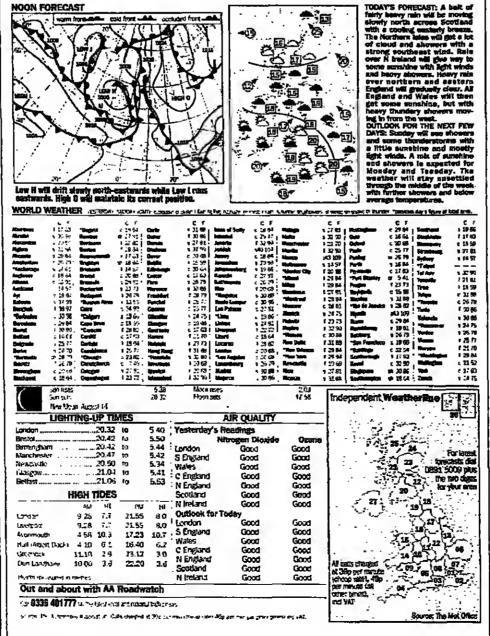
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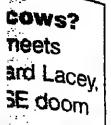
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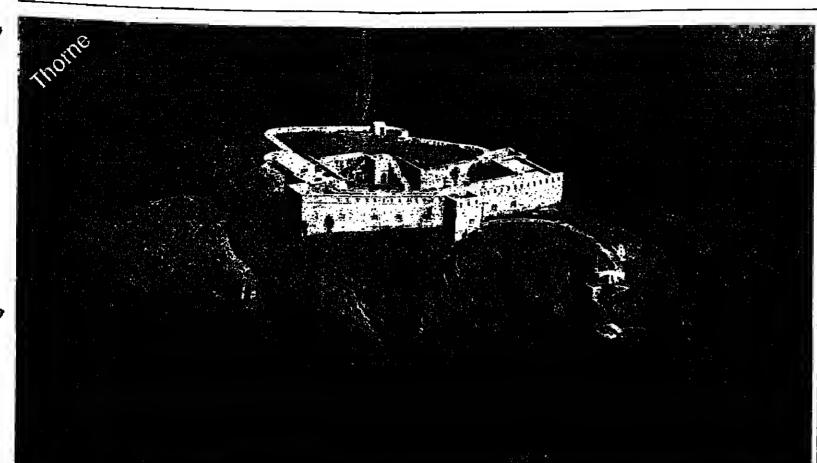
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 $oldsymbol{1}$ islands in the Sound of Harris, Outer Hebrides: Asking price: together, £750,000, Ensay alone (minus house) £500,000 What you get. 10 islands (approx 800 acres total), or Ensay alone (525 acres)

2 Isle of Pabay, off Skye: Asking price: £395,000 plus What you get: 326 acres, 5-bedroom house with wind and solar power, farm buildings, jetty and harbour, licence to produce stamps.

Asking price: £2m plus What you get: 7,350 acres (360 are woodland), Eigg Lodge (10 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms), 10 other holiday houses and 4 Treshnish isles, off Mull

3 Island of Eigg, Inner Hebrides:

Asking price: £600,000 plus What you get: 320 acres among seven larger islands and numerous smaller Thom Island, off Pembrokeshire coast, west Wales:

Asking price: £275,000 What you get: Two acres, 19th century fort converted to hotel (10 bedrooms, 2 bers, outdoor jacuzzi and seura), landing stage, roof terrace (could be helicopter pad).

For sale: Des Res island, all amenities, a snip for £¹/4m. Suitable for recluses and paradise seekers



MATTHEW BRACE

For those searching for an island paradise in which to hide away and count their fortunes, Scotland is the destination. And to avoid the bad weather and the dark days that put the more remote rocky outcrops out of reach, the time to islandhunt is from May to August.

There are always a few Scot-tish islands for sale, but this year many more are on the market, prompting fears that the fragile culture of the Western Isles is being yet further eroded. At least 19 islands off Scotland's west coast are up for sale, some goingfor the same price as a three-bedroom house in London. Nine islands are available in the Inner Hebrides and 10 in the Outer Hebrides.

According to Charles Dudgeon, a partner with Savills estate ageots in Edinburgh normally there are only about two or three for sale in summer. "I find this year's oumber staggering," he said. "Some can't worth the candle."

Estate agents, MacDonald MacIver & Co in Stornoway, selling the cluster of 10 Outer Hebridean islands, said they have oever had so many oo their books before.

One island, Pabay, in particular seems to fit the bill for the buyer who has everything else - "isolation, privacy and accessibility", according to Mr Dudgeon who is selling it for more than £395,000. Although it's a tiny windswept isle favoured in the past by thieves

property now, sheltering hetween the Isle of Skye and the mainland and still offering seclusion and adventure. The price, he adds, includes 326 acres, a farm with wind and solar power, a harbour, a jetty, and a willing boatman who needs just £50 (plus VAT) to take new residents the two miles to the

island from Broadford on Skye. Owning an island has its responsibilities, as well as its costs. Pabay has a liceoce to produce its own stamps and the island's owners are paid £1,260 a year by the Post Office to collect and deliver their own post over the sea to Skye.

The island of Eigg is also for sale, at £2m. Parnous for its violent history and rugged scenery, it has a population of 60, including a doctor, postman and a school-teacher, with whom the owner must consult about island matters.

New owners of the Treshnish Isles, off the west coast of Mull, will have to knuckle under, too. The islands are designated oot only a Site of Special Scientific Interest, but a Special Protection Area under the EC Wild Birds Directive.

William Jackson, a partner with Knight Frank estate agents in Edinburgh, said huyers must understand the commitment attached to taking oo an island. "You are king but you have to ohey the law of the land. You can't take these islands with you. You can't pick them up and carry them back to America." All 10 islands for

and cut-throats, Pabay is hot sale in the Outer Hebrides are culture of islanders. Fiooa being sold by the Mackenzies. After almost 70 years' of ownership, their small fertile islands, in the Sound of Harris hetween Harris and North Uist, are on the market for £750,000. Ensay, the largest, has three heaches and an old hurial ground.

Snapshots of Ensay, Saghay Beg, Saghay More, Suem, Sleicham, Groay, Lingay, Scar-avay. Crago and Vatem could soon appear in newspapers' pocket-sized adverts between the more familiar "charming rural cottages" in mid-Wales.

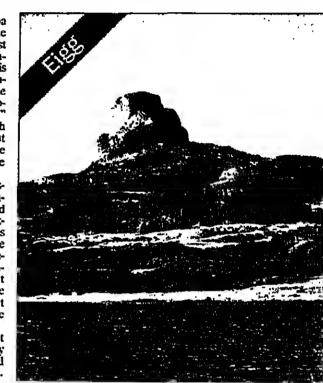
As it bappens the only non-Scottish island for sale, is Thorne island off the Pemhrokeshire coast in west Wales, with two acres, a landing stage and a 19th-ceotury fort as a 10bedroom botel.

In Wales and Scotland, the latest round of island sales worries local inhabitants and tish Crofters' Union sees it as

Mandeville, a member of the Union, said that though most of the islands for sale are uninhabited, island ownership is a lottery. "There are no constraints on who can buy, but the people here are never in the position to huv one themselves. she said. "They are very much at the mercy of the owners. But the time is coming wheo there will have to be a change in the

land-ownership laws." Dr James Hunter, a Skye resident and a writer about Highland ownership, said that land was sold and re-sold "with extraordinary rapidity, sometimes every two or three years". He said: "Some people who acquire an island bave good intentioos, they want to get involved, but then they realise bow expensive it is. They get fed-up and put it back on the market again

It is unlikely, though, that community groups. The Scot- these arguments, will go any tish Crofters' Unioo sees it as way to stopping the annual a threat to the livelihood and island hunt, oow in full spate.



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A 69-year-old motorist was jailed for 18 months yesterday for stabbing another driver during a road rage row.
Former handyman, James

Hopkinsoo stared straight ahead in the dock as the jury found him guilty unanimously of unlawfully wounding Julian Gott, 45.

Mr Hopkinson stabbed Mr Gott, a surveyor, seveo times with a penknife after he followed Mr Hopkinsoo's Citroen Visa car to a car park.

Mr Gott had been angry
when Mr Hopkinson had cut in

front of his BMW 325 in the outside lane of Stanningley by-pass in Leeds last September. He said he went after Mr Hopkinson "on the spur of the momeot, to give him a mouth-ful about his allegedly dan-gerous driving.

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Leeds Crown Court was told that Mr Hopkinson struck Mr Gott on the side of the head and thrust a folding penknife into his

Mr Gott still has scars on his abdomen and thigh, but has nth-erwise made a full physical recovery after the attack, which took place in Pudsey railway sta-tion car park at 6.55pm on 8 September, 1995. Mr Gott told how he was

bleeding profusely from his wounds, but managed to drive to the Owlcotes shopping ceotre, 200 yards from the station. Two women trained in first-aid at Asda supermarket helped him while "horrified" shoppers looked on.

Judge John Swanson told Mr Hopkinson: "Violence arising from disputes between motorists in cars will normally result in a prisoo scoteoce. When the facts are accompanied by a weapon - as in your case - the sentence must be sub-

"I take into account your age, health and the fact that another jury has already acquitted you of the far more serious offence of wounding with inteot to cause grevious bodily harm.
"Mr Gott acted foolishly. If

he had not fallowed you, this incident would not have hap-"I do oot treat you as a man with a record of violeoce," added the judge.

Mr Gott lives in Burley-in-

Wharfedale, a village in the hills north of Leeds. Mr Hopkinsoo, who has three children, lives at Cavendish Square in Pudsey, Leeds,

Leeds Crown Court heard how Mr Hopkinson had already served five years for two charges of feloninus wounding and burglary in 1956. He was convicted that year at Leeds As-

sizes Court. He also had convictions for reckless driving, in 1983 and

After yesterday's hearing, Detective Sergeant Colin Buck of West Yorkshire police said: "I think it's a just verdict. "The evidence showed the defeodant reacted to the situ-

ation in a manner more violeot than necessary. Del. Sgt. Buck warned all mothrists to avoid road rage outbursts if possible: "One driver nearly lost his life. Another lost his liherty. It's better just to

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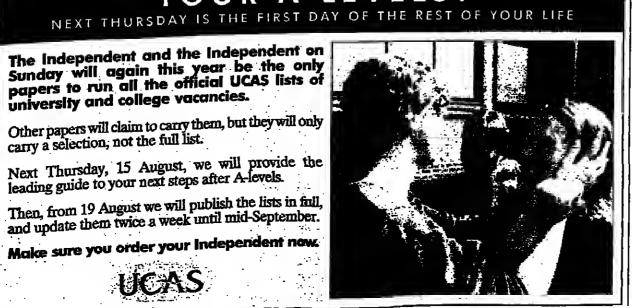
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The weather bere is a bit overcast, but the natives are friendly. They lapped up our campaign against "Tory lies", and I handed out hucket-loads of Labour campaign rock and whirly hats. You should have seen the press

I got this morning for my handling of the Clare Short row. Even the Guardian said I'd beaten Peter Mandelson at the spin doctoring.
On the seafront, I managed to sidestep questions about Clare's

make sure we win it. That's why I'm here. I'm sending ont letters to Labour MPs with the "spirit

article in the New Statesman.

I told the press: "Cleethorpes

is a key seat and we've got to

emphasising the continuity be-tween New Labour and the postwar Attlee government, which usbered in the Welfare State. With your foreword, I'm drawing attention to the five evils, identified in the Beveridge report, of want, ignorance, disease, squalor and idleness, which the Attlee administration

set out to tackle. So you can see, New Labour is in safe bands while you're away. But I should warn you that the horizon.

The opinion polls have been as mixed as the weather while you've been away. The Guardian ICM poll said our lead had slipped to 12 points, while Gallup in the Tory Telegraph said it had slipped to 25 points. Peter Kellner in the Evening Standard said our lead over the Tories was probably about 20 points, so there's no room for complacency, as you're constantly telling us.

conference in September show that the unious are trying to make sure that we commit ourselves to a fixed figure of £4.26 an hour. Arthur Scargill is also going to be there, banging the drum about scrapping all the Tory trade union legislation. Labour activists are being urged by Labour CND to put forward motions at the Labour Party conference in October calling for the £21bu defence budget to be cut by a third under a Labour government. We've shrugged off past conference resolutions by CND supporters, but in the run-up to the election i know you'll want to ensure the Tories don't accuse of being weak on defence. No doubt the press will repor it as "Macho Blair faces backlash", but by then, you'll be back. By the way, next week I'm off to America to meet one of

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Labour fears for privatised rail safety

MICHAEL STREETER

Labour called yesterday for urgent publication of an interim inquiry report into the Watford train crash, amid rising concern that privatising the railways may have reduced safe-

The crash, which occurred when a commuter train hit an person and injuring 68 others, was the first one involving a passenger train since Railtrack stops the train if a driver goes

Although Labour is anxious not to pre-empt any investigation into the causes of the accident, it fears that the results of two inquiries launched yesterday may not be published until after the general election. This would let the Government off the book, if underfunding and privatisation are

found to be contributory factors.
As inquiries by the Health and Safety Executive's Railway Inspectorate and Railtrack were announced, Labour's transport spokeswoman, Glenda Jackson, said: "Ministers must state clearly how and when the full facts of this incident are to be made public. Given the speculation concerning the possible contribution of privatisation ... it is unacceptable that we may have to wait for over a year before the

truth emerges."
The HSE confirmed that the effects of privatisation would be part of their remit.

The Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, rejected suggestions that privatisation had impaired safety.

"There is no evidence that the privatisation process or the restructuring of the railways has in any way diminished their safety record," he said. "On the contrary, the evidence is that the safety record has actually improved.

A key issue highlighted by railways experts was the decision, by the Government, BR. empty stock train, killing one and then Railtrack, to shelve plans for an automatic train protection system (ATP) which was privatised earlier this year. through a red light.

Last month the Commons Transport Select Committee described this decision, made before the end of two pilot schemes, as "deeply deplorable". Labour claims ATP's estimated £1bn cost should be set against the more than £2bn spent on rail privatisation.

There was also concern about the state of the West Coast line, on which the crash occurred, with one expert describing it as "sadly neglected".

Yesterday there was growing suspicion that the crash of the 17.04 Euston to Milton Keynes may have been caused by one driver going through a red light. Privately, Railtrack has reportedly been reassuring the City that initial indications point to

"driver error".

The crucial final moments before the collision will have been recorded on the trains' "black boxes", which will give investi-gators details of the speeds, drivers' actions, and data on signais and cootrols. First reports suggested that the empty train may have been travelling at up

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Worries over effect of sell-off

been a major factor behind the So far, figures suggest overall

safety has not worsened under privatisation and may even have improved. Railtrack, which owns the track and stations, says fixed contracts with maintenance staff have helped put safety concerns on a more formal and thus better level.

Does that mean there are no safety concerns after privati-sation?

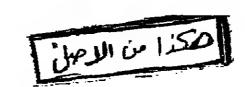
Far from it: there is a growing anecdotal evidence that contractors doing vital track maintenance are sub-contracting to inexperienced or incompetent staff. The Health and Safety Executive severely criticised Railtrack this year for weaknesses in management and safety systems which could make future travel less safe. Railtrack's own recent figures show that while there were no major injuries last year, the number of small injuries rose by 13 per cent to 171. The company says a number of these were "drink-related", such as passengers failing off platforms.

How much is being invested by Ralitrack?

it plans to invest £1bn a year for 10 years, which it calls the biggest concentration of funds ever on infrastructure. However, railway unions and Independent experts say Railtrack spends money half as efficiently as BR. In other words, £1bn in Reiltrack money would be £500m iri BB : money. Wolfson College's railway. expert, Bill Bradshaw, has dis-scribed the West Coast track as "sadly neglected". Railtrack is spending "millions" on it but atlmits no more than on any oth er lina. Discussions are still going on about raising new cash to upgrade it.

What are the most likely causes of the crash? A mistake by a driver or a signailing error will be the met cal points of the Inquiries. Silvers can sometimes be afflicted by "micro sleep", when through tiredness and repetition they can "miss" a red light. A signal error is more often as a result of human error than a fault in the

Would ATP have helped? Automatic Train Protection is an expensive system which prevents trains going through red lights and overrides driver error. BR and now Railtrack have rejected it on grounds of cost - up to £1bn. Sub-Channel rail travellers are protected by ATP on the French side but not when the enter Britain. Some independent experts say it is not cost-effective. at £14m per life saved, and more lives would be saved by spending the cash on modern carriages.





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Marin In. the constraints Join the board and double your money

Company bosses have never had it so good, with six-figure bonuses and incentives galore. Michael Harrison reports

Shareholders in the entertainment and music giant Thorn EMI are being urged to vote next week against a bonus scheme that could net one of its directors £3.5m on top of his ba-The revolt comes amid

mounting concern over the size of rewards available to company executives under new longterm incentive plans intoduced to comply with the Greenbury rules on boardroom pay. In many cases, executives stand to double their basic pay.

The main heneficiary of Thorn EMI's Senior Executive Incentive Plan would be Jim Fifield, the US-based chief executive of the EMI record business, who earned £7.38m last year and is nicknamed "Lucky Jim" in the City.

Under the scheme, executive directors are entitled to bonuses worth up to 180 per cent of their base salary, provided certain financial targets are met. Mr Fifield, who earlier this year signed a record-breaking £8m recording contract with singer Janet Jackson, would have netted £3,46m had the scheme been in operation last

Thorn EMI's chairman, Sir Colin Southgate, who earned a basic salary of £506,000 last year. would have received a bonus of

The controversial scheme, which has angered leading institutional investors, will be put to shareholders next Friday when they vote on the proposed demerger of Thorn EMI into two separate companies - EMI, which includes the record company and HMV record shops, and Thorn, the television rentals business. The Pensions Investment Re-

search Consultancy (Pirc) which advises 40 pension funds, with assets of more than £100bn, said it would be urging its clients to vole down the scheme. Alan McDougall, joint managing director of Pirc. said: "The new cheme does not conform to our guidelines as to what is appropriale based on the targets the company has sel to trigger these

Sir Desmond Pitcher,

chairman, United Utilities.

Age: 61. Pay: £346,000. "King Des", as he is

menger of North West Water

country's first super-utility. A former chief executive of the

Littlewoods Organisation, he

Current posts include deputy

chairman of Everton Football

Corporation. Well-connected

politically, and an occasional

is an engineer by training.

Club and chairman of

adviser to John Major.

Bob Horton, chairman,

£159.000.

Railtrack, Age: 56. Pay:

Not a big earner by today's standards, but consoled by

£1.5m pay-off he got from British Petroleum in 1992.

Arrogant, but also charming,

he once said: "Because I am blessed by my good brain I tend to get the right

answer quicker and more

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Pire added that it objected to the way shareholders were be-crease their pay by 50 per cent ing asked to vote on one resolution which sought both to amend the existing executive bonus scheme and introduce the

The recommendations of the Greenbury Committee were designed to stamp out abuse of share option schemes, particu-larly in the privatised utilities. Scores of executives in the regional water and electricity companies have made fortunes out of share options granted at the time of privatisation which then rocketed in value as the

businesses were taken over. Share options were supposed have been phased out and replaced by the new long-term in-centive plans (L-Tips). But according to a report by the executive pay consultancy Monks Partnership only 29 of Britain's top 100 companies have scrapped share options.

The study found that 75 of the top 100 had introduced L-Tips. But in many cases these have run into flak because of their generous nature, the undemanding financial targets set for executives and the complexity of the schemes.

One institutional investor said that the EMI scheme was largely incomprehensible, but from what he could understand, it appeared that "these

guys are going to the moon". United Utilities, the company formed oul of the merger of North West Water and Norweb. survived a shareholder rebellion over its new incentive plan a week ago, but only after a third of investors voted against the

The scheme entitles United Utilities' chairman, Sir Desmond Pitcher, and the chief executive, Brian Slaples, to re-ceive bonuses worth 87.5 per cenl of their basic salaries, This year, Sir Desmond's basic salary has been increased by £54,500 to £310,000 and Mr Staples' by £65,000 to £300,000.

At Railtrack, the chairman, Bob Horton, stands to double his £125,000 salary under its new L-Tip while directors of National Power can expect long

Lord Blyth of Rowington,

chief executive, Boots.

Age: 56. Pay: £1.175m. The Government's former

chief arms salesman (head

disastrous acquisition spree

Minister's advisory panel on

the Citizen's Charter and

skiing, tennis and painting

among his recreations.

he is credited with turning

of defence sales at the MoD, 1981-85) he joined

Boots in 1987. After a

the business around.

Current posts include

governor of London **Business School. Lists**

James Fiffeld, chief

executive, EMI Music.

Age: 54. Pay: £7.38m.

Makes the kind of money

earned by the pop stars he

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EMI in 1988 after a career

industries. Will get a £12m "golden parachute" if EMI is

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Blur, and the Beatles.

director of a British company, the Missoun-born businessman joined Thom

Mick Jagger, Janet Jackson,

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crease their pay by 50 per cent in return for "solid" perfor-

Lord Blyth, chief executive of Boots and one of a handful of British directors paid more than film, stands to earn a bonus worth 90 per cent of his

basic £470,000 salary. What has unsettled institutional shareholders and outraged small investors is that many of the new incentive schemes come on top of other

The chief executive of British Gas Energy, Roy Gardner, re-ceived a "golden hello" of £200,000 to compensate him for leaving GEC and the new chief executive of National Power, Keith Henry, got £100,000 on

At United Utilities, Mr Staples received a one-off bonus of £48,000 last year for the "exceptional burden" of taking over Norweb, lifting his total pay to £380,700.

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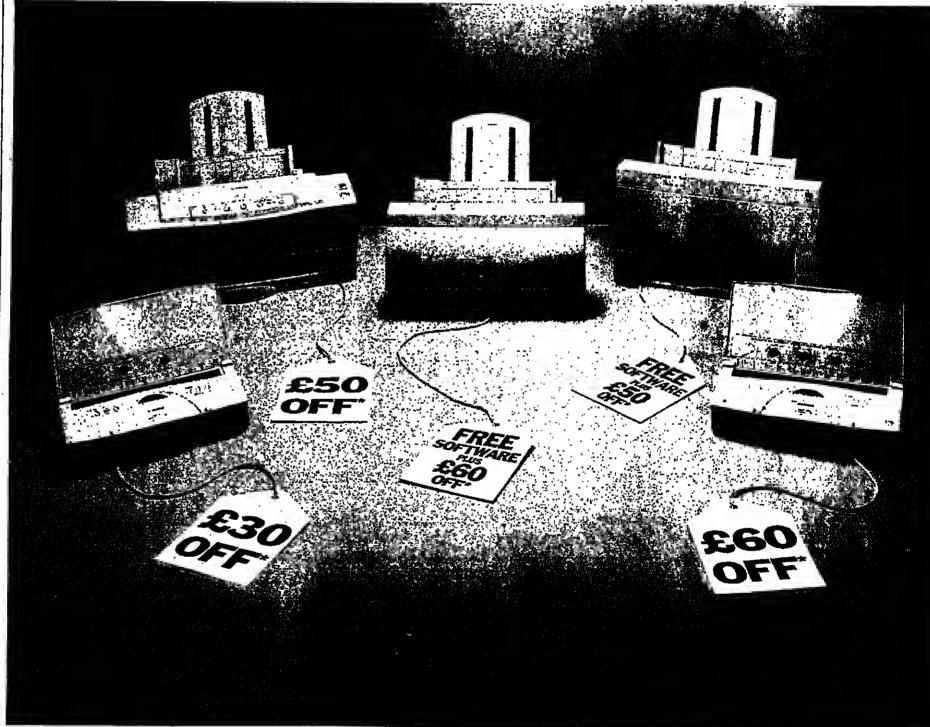
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The man who shrank the world

Sir Frank Whittle, the inventor of the jet engine - the machine which, more than any other, has truly made the world into a global village - died yesterday aged 79. rare talent, writes after a long battle with lung cancer.

Sir Frank died at his born near Baltimore, in the US, where he had lived since 1976, working on the next generation of supersonic aircraft, including a Concorde capable of 2,500 mph. Speaking about his plans in 1987, he said: The technology is feasible. The only hold-up is money, just as it always was."

Sir Peter Masefield, the former objet of British Funcpean Airways (later British Airways), who was a close friend for 50 years, described changed the face of aviation." Other citations during his

The death of Sir Frank Whittle has deprived us of a **Charles Arthur**

life described him as "the father of the jet age". Born in Coventry in June, 1907, Sir Frank's origins were solidly British and working class. He was also one of the last survivors from what is often seen as a golden age of

British invention.

His revolutionary concept. which put Britain at the forefront of the intege, arose from his science thesis, written in 1928, when he was a young cadet at RAF Cranwell. He patented the idea of the jet engine in 1930, but found the road to success paved with indifference, and progress re-peatedly blocked.

The jet engine works by taking a large volume of slowmoving air at its intake, then compressing it and igniting a fuel mixture which is then forced at high speed from the exhaust. The maths is straightforward, but building

the engine was not. The Air Ministry dismissed the concept and told him development difficulties were too great. In 1934, the Secretary of State for Air wrote: "We do not consider that we should be justified in spending any time or money on it." The Government failed to see the strategic importance of jet aircraft, and did not keep the patent secret.

Undaunted, in 1935 he formed a private company with two RAF colleagues, funded by a £2,000 loan from a firm of investment bankers. They began building their engines, sometimes using reclaimed scrap metal. Finally, in 1939, the Air Ministry conceded that Sir Frank's tiny experimental engine was the hasis of a power plant that could take aeroplanes to unparalleled heights and speeds.
On May 15, 1941, Sir
Frank's obdurate approach

was crowned with success when, at Cranwell airfield, Lincolnshire, the Gloster-Whittle E28/39 became the first turbojet-powered air-Jet fighter aircraft finally entered service in 1944, but

Sir Frank always maintained they could have been used against Hitler years earlier in the Battle of Britain, but for the Government's lack of interest and delays. The first jet engines did not

go into production until 1947, after the Second World War. Sir Frank's plans, meanwhile, went to the US, which used them for its entire post-war aircraft industry. He later bitterly criticised the nationalisation of jet propulsion development, saying it was re-sponsible for Britain losing its world lead in jet engine tech-

nology. Sir Frank was knighted in 1948 and received a reward of £100,000 for his contribution to flight. In the same year, he retired from the RAF, with the rank of Air Commodore, on the grounds of ill-health.

Meteorites to bombard o the Earth

CHARLES ARTHUR Science Editor

The skies will be alive this ameter. They hit the Earth's weekend with a meteor shower - the same phenomenon that brought a piece of rock, burn up before they reach the possibly bearing traces of life.

from Mars, 13,000 years ago. For the next three days the Earth will be bombarded by meteorites from the Perseid shower, as it makes its annual passage through a region of space containing pieces thrown off Comet Swift-Tuttle. These will produce bright, short-lived streaks in the night sky, at a pre-

dicted peak rate of 100 per hour. The ideal conditions for viewing will be at a dark site, away from city lights, and with a clear sky. Anyone should be able to see the meteorites, which will show up as bright streaks in the sky. The best view will come from looking east-north-east. The highest number are expected tomorrow, but the display is expected to start

There will be little light from the new moon, which should raise the chances of seeing the meteorites' trails. But the Meteorological Office in Brack-nell said yesterday that the weather would not be ideal for watchers. There is a messy lowpressure front, with lots of clouds," said a spokesman. "Some areas will get good views and others won't." Best conditions will probably be in northwest Scotland.

However, those hoping to catch a Martian in their backyard will be disappointed. The majority of meteorites making

up the Perseid shower weigh about 50 milligrams and meaatmosphere at 133,000 mph. where friction causes them to planet's surface.

"The intensity is likely to be back to normal this year," said Professor Mark Bailey, the director of Armagh Observatory . "But you will see them if there's a clear sky, and you have a dark, clear site."

Observers can watch the me-teorites with binoculars, picture them with a camera set for a long exposure with high-speed film, or a video camera set to its largest aperture and with the focus at infinity.

The annual Perseid shower bas been known since 830 AD. It was known as the "Tears of St Lawrence", after a saint who was burnt at the stake in 258 AD. The intensity of the showers has intensified since 1992, when the parent comet, which follows a fixed, hyperbolic or-

bit, passed close by the Sun. Jacqueline Mitton, of the Royal Astronomical Society. said: "The peak of the stream can be very concentrated. The Earth can pass through it in one hour or less, with not much activity on either side. It's not to-

tally predictable."
The meteorites' name is derived from the constellation from which they seem to emanate - Perseus - which can usually be seen low in the northeast after sunset. The best time for viewing will probably be between midnight and 2am ca Sunday night.

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Edinburgh row: Church figures angered as satirists find new source of humour in Christian beliefs

Festival's God is game for a laugh

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

To the concern of church leaders, God has heen chosen as a prime target for attack at this year's Edinburgh Festival, with headline productions poking fun at God, Jesus Christ and the

One is the Reduced Shakespeare Company, which has turned its attention from the Bard to the Bible. It is per-forming a 90-minute show sum-marising the Bible "from Genesis to Revelation".

Its three members begin their performance, part of the Fringe Festival, wearing only fig leaves. Later they don tunics and crowns. A running theme is the squabhle over who gets to play

The show has already caused controversy in America, where the Right objected to what they saw as heresy. When they per-formed in Washington, the company received calls from a religious zealot posing as a journalist who attempted to get an "interview" before lambasting staff when his fraud was uncovered.

The actors argue that the pro-duction is harmless fun, but the Rev Bill Wallace, convener of the Church of Scotland's board of social responsibility, said yesterday. Anything which at-tempts to trivialise faith and particularly the Christian faith in this day and age is deeply regrettable - especially at a time to show an interest in faith."

He would prefer such productions did not take place, he added. "It's pretty poor taste if that's all they can do to get people to watch.'

Reed Martin, who stars at the Assembly Rooms in The Bible: The Complete Word Of God (abridged) with Austin Tichenor

and Matthew Croke, said of the criticism: "Our normal response is that people are entitled to their opinion. We'd love them to see the show and we don't think they'd think that way if they did — but those people never do."

Mr Wallace is equally concerned about the Irvine Welsh film The Granton Star Cause, which will get its world première on 21 August at the Edinburgh Film Festival. Described as a 36-minute piece of "rock and roll cinema", the film, by the author of the controversial hit. Trainspotting, depicts God as a

ashed-up and geriatric drunk. It tells the story of Bob Coyle, whose life goes to pieces when his girlfriend dumps him, he loses his joh and he is dropped by his football team. Things scarcely look up, however, when he bumps into God in his local pub, is changed into a bluebottle, and finds himself watching his parents having sex from their bed-

Fans of Welsh's work will find also it on offer in the Fringe Festival in Headstate, a revival of his first play. He wrote it in collaboration with the Boilerhouse theatre company, which it de-scribes as "acid-house theatre"

 half-play, half-rave.
 The 50th Edinburgh Fringe
Festival offers 553 productions
this year, of which 58 per cent will be premières.

Performers include Craig Charles, Jools Holland, the Chinese State Circus, Rory Mc-Jenny Eciair, Jo Br and Lee Evans.

Running from tomorrow to 31 August, it will also feature the Scottish Ballet, Midge Ure, an exhibition of the late Helen Chadwick's art, and cinema classics such as The Long Good Friday and Reservoir Dogs making their stage debut.

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Public divided over futuristic V&A extension

MARIANNE MACDONALD

The public is bitterly divided over whether the futuristic extension to the Victoria and Albert Museum should go ahead, the museum's own survey has discovered.

The design by, Polish archi-lect Daniel Libeskind who beat competition from Sir Norman Foster and Zaha Hadid for the £42m project, provoked outrage and impassioned support when it was unveiled in May.

To be sited between the 1860s baroque structure by Henry Cole and Aston Wehb's 1909 dome, the extension would be covered in tiles fading to white towards the top and would consist of conflicting planes.

Giles Worsley, editor of Perspectives On Architecture, called the building "extremely hideous and inappropriate". Sir Hugh Leggait, secretary of Heritage in Danger, deemed it "forbidding and oppressive

But Owen Luder, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, said it had the potential to be a landmark.

Dr Alan Borg, the V&A's di-rector, has observed that the huilding, which will to house an education centre, café, restaurant, galleries, an observation point and exhibition space, would become a national icon. But it seems much of the public would rather it didn't. Of more than 1,026 people who commented during the six-week

exhibition showing how the Boilerhouse huilding would look 48 per cent said they were against the design. A further 40 per cent said they were in favour and 11 per cent were in support, but with reservations.

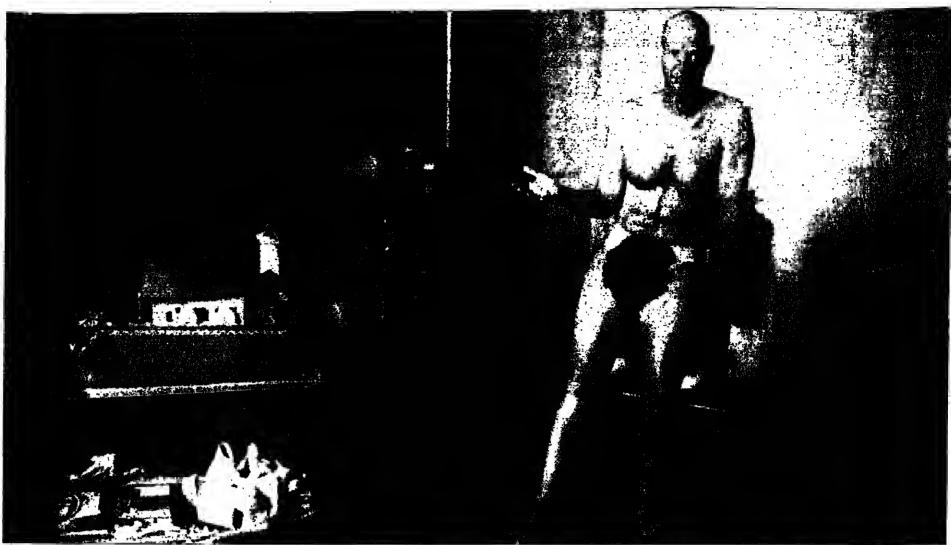
The visitors' book recordedcomments such as a "total carbuncle", a "big mistake", a "brave yet sensible decision" and a "powerful and intriguing form"

Visitors' objections were that it would not blend with the rest of the museum, that it was too large in scale and the tiles were inappropriate, and that the design was "attention-seeking".

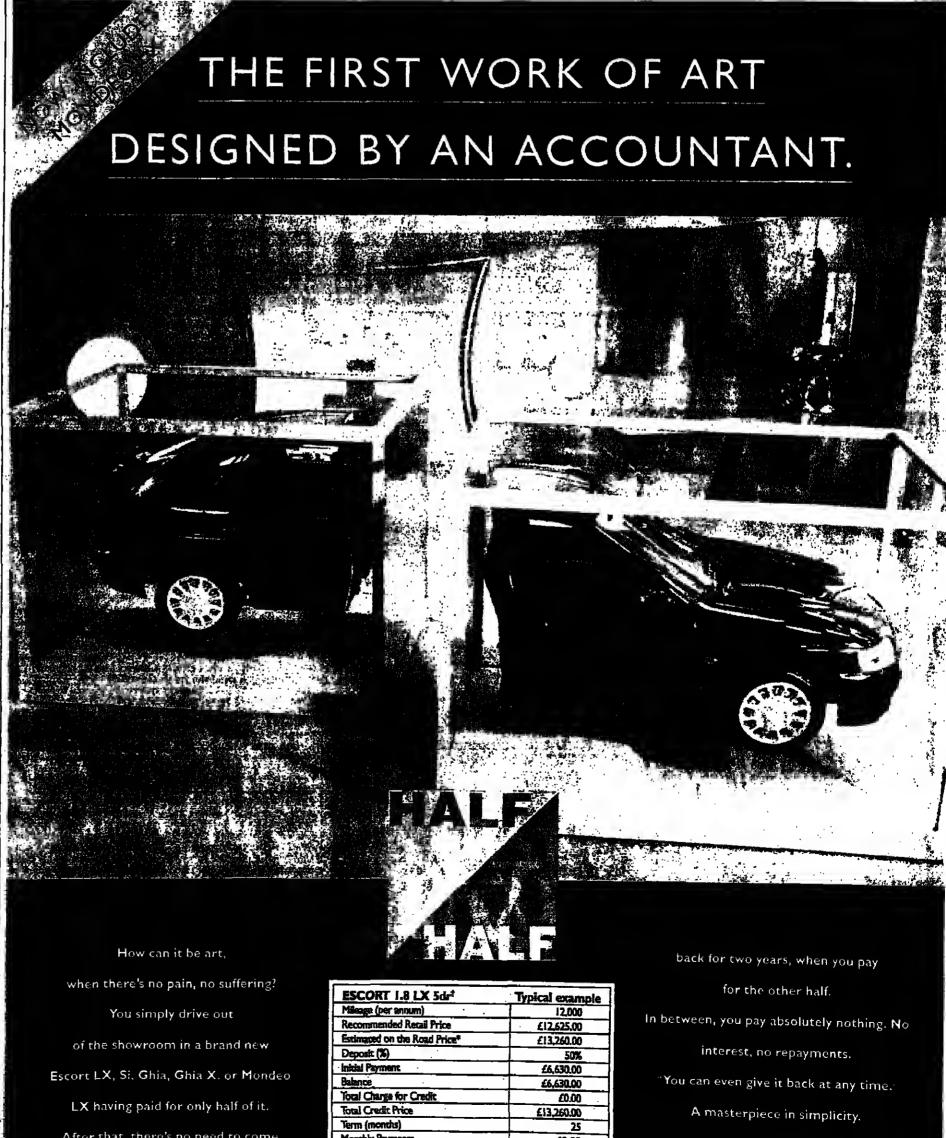
Those in favour, however, argued that it would give the V&A a boost for the 21st century and open a new path for architecture in the capital. They felt it was a better solution than creating a pastiche of the existing buildings—such as the National Gallery's Sainsbury wing — and that it would cre-

ate a popular meeting place. Gwyn Miles, head of major projects, said the museum was responding to the views of visitors. The design had been modified by being shrunk by five per cent, following criticism that it was too large for the site.

But it would not be prepared to water down the con-cept, she warned. "It fits what we are going to do exception:
ally well. We want an
tive and modern relevant to today."



Short cut: Reed Martin kitted out for the Reduced Shakespeare Company's bible send-up, which races from Genesis to Revetation in 90 minutes



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Refugees flee as battle rages in Grozny

Cariotta Gali witnessed the suffering of those caught up by the conflict in the Chechen capital

Hundreds of refugees poured out of Grozny yesterday, the sounds of fierce battles hehind them, crossing fresh volunteer fighters who were moving in to join the battle for the city.

The refugees came on foot or crammed in Russian Zhiguli cars and open trucks, along a muddy track through the woods, as sounds of heavy airstrikes and artillery echoed in the southern suburbs of the city. Half the sky overhead was black from smoke drifting from the oil refinery, which was burning on the west side of the city.

The Chechen fighters guard-

ing the wooded trail, which seems to be the only way in and out of the city, suddenly shouted for people to take cover. The clatter of a helicopter was above them as people fled along the path, dropping their bundles, veering off in to the cover of the trees. Two loud explosions burst ahead of them in the woods, rockets fired by the helicopter that had already wheeled away.

The refugees pressed on in panic. Panting and sweating, they had been walking for four or five hours from their homes in the centre of the city, where fierce fighting was raging around the main government huilding.
The fighters are everywhere,

in every house, in every street, they completely control the city," Rosa Khazbeka said, "The helicopters are firing into the houses non-stop."

After three-and-a-half days in a cellar, with no water and no food, she and her neighhours decided to make a run for it.

With 13 children among them, they crossed besides the fresh volunteer fighters who were moving into the city. Dressed in jeans and track suits and with cheap plimsoles on their feet, they carried Kalashnikovs bought with their own money, they said, at the beginning of the war. A few had rocket-propelled grenades, the Chechens' favourite weapon, the shoulder-held launcher slung across their hacks.



Street fighter: A Chechen rebel just after firing a rocket launcher during flerce fighting for the control of central Grozny

proaches to the city and then trekked through the woods. One group sat under the vines in a courtyard on the outskirts of Chernorechiye, awaiting orders from their commander.

Hugging the walls of an outhuilding, they listened as a helicopter gunship hlasted Chechen positions only 500m away. The next second the gun-ships seemed to turn on them, firing two rockets with a great roar, that was followed by the grunt of a machine gun.
"Swines," one fighter mut-

tered under his breath. He had They walked around the said the same carlier, when Russian posts on the ap- Russian jets unleashed a series

of bombs on the southern sub- They had surrounded the govurbs less than a kilometre away. the massive explosions echoing through the woods.

As the helicopters circled away, following their last sally, Akhmad Zakayev, commander of the south-western front and one of the Chechens' top rebel commanders, raced up the road and into the courtyard in a white Volga car, accompanied by fighters in a Russian jeep. Wearing a hlack headhand inscribed with an Arabic prayer, he smiled and embraced several of the oew volunteers.

ernment building and destroyed a whole Russian armored column which had tried to break through from its base at the northern airport.

The operation in Grozny was designed to force Russia to restore the peace agreement signed in the Kremlin and in Nazran before the Russian presidential elections. Those who violated them must be punished," he said, clearly referring to the Russian military

leadership.
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Russians in order to replenish said. "And we'll cut off a few

Russian soldiers manning checkpoints on the road west of the capital had heard about the disaster of the armoured column. "We heard a column was destroyed and bearded men are now driving around town in the armoured personnel carriers that are still working," one soldier said.

their own supplies.

A veteran of I2 months' fighting in Chechnya, he shrugged his shoulders over the incident. "We are softening Chechen forces completely long as it takes," he said, by seiz-controlled the city, he said, ing ammunition from the weleft [standing] last time," he government hostel.

ears," he added, making the Russian soldiers' most frequent grisly threat. ■ Moscow — A correspondent for Russia's Itar-Tass news

agency said last night he and a number of colleagues were still sheltering from heavy fighting in central Grozny and denied earlier reports that they had been freed, Reuter reports.

Sergei Trofimov, a correspondent of Tass, said the group had been joined by five women and a child, who had hraved

Rebel victory ruins Yeltsin's day of pomp

HELEN WOMACK Moscow

Chechen rebels yesterday ruined Boris Yelisin's inauguration, savaging his army in Grozny as he made n brief appearance in Moscow to take the presidential oath to protect human rights and the security

All that could be said in favour of the ceremony, held in-side the Kremlin rather than on the square outside, to save the cost of seeding the rain clouds, was that it was mercifully short. This was thanks to Mr

Yeltsin's new head of administration, Anatoly Chubais, who understood that the rebels' infiltration of Grozny was a propaganda disaster for Russia.

Yesterday, the separatists completed the Kremlin's humiliation by seizing large parts of the city of Grozny and pin-ning down thousands of feder-al soldiers with gunfire before pulling back towards evening.

Mr Chubais had been study ing records of the last Tsar's coronation in 1896 to get ideas for Mr Yeltsin's inauguration. The draft text of an election

victory ode had been published in the press. "Our proud state, great and glorious, doth rejoice; the whole country is full of strength since the people made their choice," it read.

But this week, plans for a more modest ceremony were announced. The official reasoo was that the hudget could not bear anything lavish. But there was speculation that the Chechen crisis and Mr Yeltsin's precarious health had affected the decision.

The 65-year-old leader, who had not beeo seeo in public since a week before his reelection on 3 July, looked stiff as he walked along a red carpet to a stage in the Kremlin Palace. But he pronounced his oath clearly and stood for 15 minutes while the Russian Orthodox Patriarch, Alexy II, hlessed him. tive to a negotiated settlement.

Thank God," said one Russian as she watched the proceedings on television. "I wis afraid that he was going to fall

The inauguration ended with a 30-gun salute from an artillery unit on the lawns under the Kremlin wall, as if the country were truly celebrating and no guns were traumatising Grozny.

At a reception for 3,000 guests afterwards, Mr Yeltsin was reported to have been lively, considering the official colossal weariness" that he is suffering from. Russians have been officially reassured that their leader's heart is not troubling him as it did twice last year.

"He made a toast and gave

Officials studied the coronation of the last Tsar to get inspiration

a speech which was a little less wooden than the oath," one Western guest said.

Then he had a few glasses of champagne and he looked fairly sprightly when he walked

Mr Yeltsin's first act after officially resuming his powers was to ask parliament to confirm his Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, for a further term. The State Duma will decide the matter today. Although the President's Communist and nationalist opponents have a majority, they do not appear to be in a mood to rock the boat by rejecting Mr Chernomyrdin.

Thus, the chances are that Mr Yeltsin will be able to go on holiday shortly, leaving Mr Chernomyrdia to deal with Chechnya. But the prospects are not hright for an early resumption of the peace process and many politicians in Moscow now admit there is no alterna-

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Prisoner of time shrugs off his seven-year hitch

We were driving through the Lebanese Shia Muslim suburb of Ouzai when Terry Anderson looked to the left of the car. They took me straight down this road, through the Syrian checkpoint without stopping, and turned left into a lock-up garage right around here," he said. On 16 May 1985 "they" kidnapped Terry Anderson close to his home in west Beirut, and somewhere amid the furniture stores and bakeries and ironmongers here he spent the first night of almost seven years of captivity, the longest-held hostage in Lebanon.

And now he was back, grinning in the back of a Beirut taxi, driving towards southern Lebanon through the city in which he suffered a miniature Calvary of hopelessness for the crime of being an American. "How do I know exactly where I was, Fisky? I was blindfolded. But it was oo this road."

Maybe up that cul-de-sac, I suggested, in one of the three steel lock-ups below the red-earth wall below runway 1-8 of Beirut International Airport? "I could hear the jets," he said. "You know, later, when I was in my cell at Hay el-Selum, I was so close to the runways that I could smell the aero-engine fuel off the jets when they were about to take off."

We had known that, had sat on those same jets and looked at the two-storey concrete slums and said "Hi Terry" in our minds, knowing that the man we knew so well was growing older in the buildings 100 yards away. We were free-just-and he was not, and we did not wish for any exclusive interviews in the basements of Beirut.

And now here was Terry, returned for the first time, to film a documentary, to the land in which he spent so many years a hostage, not particularly in-terested in his place of nearmartyrdom, refusing to blame anyone, reading the morning Beirut papers much as he did when he was the Associated Press bureau chief in Beirut.

"Everyone changes, Fisky," he said. "I was locked up for seven years. If you spend seven years in that situation and you don't change

Robert Fisk in Beirut welcomes back his colleague Terry Anderson, who was the longest-held hostage in Lebanon

changed as much in the last five years as I did in the previous seven. But I still believe the same things I did. I'm still the same person. Is he? Overweight, as usual,

waving away problems, he seemed to be the same Terry, ohlivious to the dangers of bombs and shells. But that is how he was kidnapped, ignoring the warning signal of an attempted kidnap down the road from our apartment block a day before his abduction. He seemed to me easier to anger, his humour more cautious. Or was this because I

too have less patience now? On our balcony, he aimed a champagne cork at his favourite palm tree - Terry lived in the flat above ours - and the cork landed dead centre of the froods. And in the corner by my front door, we later found ourselves remembering that this was exactly where we had sat, one floor above, on the night before his abduction 11 years ago. I had told him then that it was better to fight a kidnapper. He had in-

sisted it was better to give up without a fight, because "if they come, it's better to let them take you". After his release, Terry had signed for me a copy of his hostage biography, writing on the title page: "See - I was right!"

He broke the US travel ban to return to Lebanon - he told the US Senate foreign relations committee he would do so because "neither the Congress nor the State Department can prevent any American from going any place he or she choos-es" - but in theory he could be prosecuted. More likely, the State Department will keep its mouth shut, aware that if the very symbol of an American "terrorist" victim happily trav-

derson argued. So is Egypt. So why Lebanon? He journeyed through Lebanoo with his Lebanese wife, Madeleine; their daugh-

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for the travel ban represent a lie.

Algeria is more dangerous for foreigners than Lebanon, An-

ter, Sulome, was born three months after his kidnap. "Our main task is to take the things that have happened to us and make use of them in a positive way," be said. "We have things now we would not have had; that doesn't in any way lessen the cruelty of what they did to me. We are here today because of everything that has happened to us. Both of us. But it is all done. It has brought us to this place. It's a good place to be."

Later, he will meet the leadership of the Hizbollah whose satellite minions once took Terry off to his seven years of captivity. But he has no interest in confrontation. "I want to hear what they say, to understand Lebanon with new eyes." One of the more imperish-

able moments of his visit came when he met Lebanon's Prime Minister, Rafiq Hariri, who had no role in the civil war. As Anderson stood to greet the ruler of the country in which he was held captive, Mr Hariri advanced with outstretched hand. just a hint of a smile on his face. wondering how to frame his greeting. Then, after a slight hesitation, Mr Hariri said qui-



it would really be a waste. The No regrets: Terry Anderson back in Beirut yesterday for the first time since 1991.

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India defiant Over nuclear test ban treaty

tudia is refusing to sign a glob-al treaty to ban nuclear test explosions, despite pressure from Britain, the United States and other major nuclear powers.

Alone among more than 40 couotries atteoding the Confereoce on Disarmament in Geoeva, it has raised obstacles to the ouclear test ban treaty. India's UN envoy in Geneva, Arundhati Ghose, said that the current text of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) ignores India's security oeeds and gives an unfair edge to countries which already possess ouclear arms. India is demanding that the treaty set a time limit for the big ouclear powers to get rid of their arsenals. Britain and the US are wor-

ried that India may block the pact from reaching the UN General Assembly for ratification in September. In Washington, the US State Department spokesman, Nicholas Burns, said that the Clinton administration was still trying to coax India into signing, but with little hope of success. "However, we will cootinue to expect in the oegotiations that India will not seek to frustrate the will of the international community on this particular

issue," the US spokesman said. UN disarmament experts in Geoeva thought they had achieved the impossible; an agreement by the world's five biggest nuclear powers - Britain, China, France, Russia and the US - to prohibit underground ouclear blasts. The atomic warhead.

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The number of boat people to have returned voluntarily to Vietnam from Hoog Koog has passed the 50,000 mark, bringing a bitter saga that has plagued Asia for years one step closer to an end. The United Nations

High Commissioocr for Refugees marked the occasion by

hundred arriving on two flights at Hanol airport, showering him and his family with gifts and a bouquet of flowers. Most of the returnees booked glum and passive as they filed into the airport terminal. Renter – Hanoi

found no evidence linking the security guard Richard Jewell to the Olympic Park bombing and planned a public apology. A spokesman said that his superiors in Washingtoo denied the report oo the CBS oetwork. Mr Jewell was initially hailed as a hero for spotting the bomb before it detonated, but later came under scrutiny by authorities. AP – New York

egions of rescuers continued their search for the bodies of holidaymakers carried away when a

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torrent of mud and rocks swept through a crowded Spanish campsite. The mudslide, triggered by heavy rains oo Wednesday night, killed at least 76 people and injured scores more. It was feared the death-toll could reach more

the Ghanaian pharmacist who refined the dance-band style that swept the region in the 1950s and 60s. Emmanoel Tetteh Mensah, ET to fans, died in his sleep aged 78, A trumpet player who doubled oo saxophone, he

Two Bulgarian prostitutes stole a truck loaded with lingerie in the hope of selling it after a sex session with the vehicle's Turkish driver. The Gypsy twins drove 20 miles before police caught up with them. They were having difficulty driving the vehicle. The women stole the truck of the locatory. Rester - Sofin

srael's Foreign Minister, David Levy, locked in a power struggle with the Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, did not arrive for work at the Foreign Ministry

A one-and-a-half-year-old girl died of food poisoning near Tokyo, bringing deaths from a germ to eight. The O-157 coloo bacillus is responsible for a food-poisoning epidemic that has hit the city of Sakai, near Osaka, in

western Japan, hardest, with 6.500 patients, mostly school children, affected. Reuter - Tokyo

Villagers in eastern Laos have captured a sao la, a rare mammal similar to an antelope whose existence was discovered four years ago. Sao la, which means "spindle" in a Thai tribal dialect, is a large-hoofed mammal

with long, spiodle-shaped horns. It is also known as the Vu Quang ox. after the forest reserve in Vietnam where it was first discovered. AP - Bangkak

Police questioned Megawati Sukarnoputri, the Indonesian opposition leader, for more than six hours in connection with last mooth's riots in Jakarta and she in connection with last mooth's riots in Jakarta and she

said she has been called back next week. "I have been said she has been casted back next week. I have bee summoned again on 15 August for additional questioning. Ms Megawati said at her home after returning from Jakarta police headquarters. Several

oppositioo members are still in custody after the riots.

Renter - Jakarta

Scythian commander containing 1,000 gold and silver decorations and weapons, the such burial site found since 1830. The Scythians founded a kingdom oo the Black Sea const that fell in the 3rd century BC

AP - Kiev

netanyanu, one not arrive for work at the Foreign Minist and missed the weekly cabinet meeting. The two rivals have been averaging a spat a month since they came to power in June at the head of a right-wing government.

after its driver weot to the lavatory. Reuter - Sofia

starred with Louis Armstrong during celebrations for Ghana's independence in 1957 Reuter - Accra

singling out an official 50,000th migrant from three

Pressure from the major powers has had little impact, writes Tim McGirk

in New Delhi CTBT also went a step further, binding countries to strict onsite inspections of nuclear in-

stallations by UN officials. But India – which is considered to be a "threshold" nuclear power, along with Pakistan and Israel - is balking at the proposed treaty. The country has two hostile ouclear neighbours, China and Pakistan, and wants to keep the option of building its own atomic arsenal and carrying out underground tests. The threat of possible sanctions and widespread coodemnation is unlikely to sway India into signing the test ban treaty, ac-cording to New Delhi officials.

India's oew government is run by a fragile coalition, but the Prime Minister, Deve Gowda, can count on backing from all major parties, especially rightwing Hindus, in refusing to sign the Geneva treaty. As the Foreign Secretary, Salmao Haider, recently said, "The acquisition of ouclear weapons is essential for national security aod we have followed a con-scious decision in this regard." India exploded a ouclear device in 1974 and is working on a loog-range missile, the Agni, which is capable of delivering an

dia's objections to the CTBT are too strong for it simply to abstain from signing the pact be-fore the Geneva conference ends on 15 August. The Clinton Administration would be coo-teot if India did oot block the CTBT's passage. Otherwise, an Indian veto could either stop the treaty outright or cause it quick-

ly to unravel. If India refuses to sign, Pakistan may also pull out of the treaty, fearing that its everny neighbour might gain an unfair advantage in developing nuclear weapons. China, 100, has raised doubts against the treaty's insistence on ouclear site inspections, and it has required much coaxing by the US before agree-ing to the CTBT.

Indian officials insist that the proposed treaty locks the major nuclear powers into a position of superiority. The "Big Five" no longer need under-ground tests, since ouclear explosions can now be simulated by computers or laboratory experiments, whereas India and other "threshold" nations have yet to reach that point, New Delhi officials explained.

Meanwhile, Japan recalls its own nuclear history

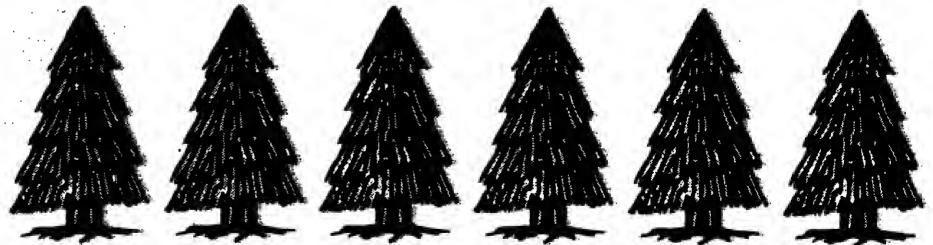


Japan remembers: Metro police trying to remove people who staged an illegal 'die-in' demonstration in front of the Chinese yesterday, the 51st anniversary of the A-bomb blast in Nagasaki. They were protesting against China's nuclear test on 29 July

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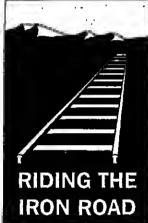
Stink robs Siberian express of its magic

It is bot, and getting hotter. The air is as thick and clinging as the snug in a crowded British pub on a Sunday lunchtime. And it

The four of us in this tiny compartment know why. Nikolai, one of our company, has a supply of raw fish wrapped in newspaper under his bed.

Half an bour ago, not for the first time, he dug out a couple, gutted them on a cloth on his bed and, with the air of a cordon bleu chef preparing a particularly special dish, chopped them up for us to eat.

He is a genial, middle-aged man, with the fixed smile of a cat and a shiny blue shell suit that would stand out on the Strip in Las Vegas. For the last two days, as our train sidled slowly across the contours of Russia's stomach, he has regaled us with stories about his life as a factory official in Irkutsk in eastern Siberia. But the fish is



We have heard about how he once shot, and ate, a bear in the forest, and later went hunting for wild boar. He has described fishing through the ice that each winter covers nearby Lake Baikal to such depths that, dur-ing the 1904 war with Japan, the Russians laid a railway across its Moscow time, but it doesn't help frozen girth and shunted equip-

ment back and forth. southern shores, so several days ago we saw the lake for our which the train passes on its until I discovered him topping which the train passes on its it up from an unmarked plastic seives, a vast grey-hlue sheen, the size of Belgium. The guide book overflowed with statistics: Siberia, to Vladivostok and the I bave got this neighbour, who

World's longest ride is no joke when raw fish are on board, writes **Phil Reeves**

to have storms which never reach its shores), 50 million years old (ancient enough for 1,500 endemic species), more than a mile deep, repository of a fifth of the world's fresh water supply and its own species

of seal, the nerpa. But these figures, and the lake's hazy heauty, have been jogged to the back drawers of the memory by the slow lollop of the last 1,400 miles. Only one detail looms large: it was there. during a brief stop in a small set-tlement on the lake's shore, that Nikolai bought his food supplies. Baikal is the only place on the planet where you can find the golomyanka fish, which dissolves into an oily blob when brought to the surface. Unfortunately, Nikolai bought "omul".

They have remained intact. There is no point in complaining about the stench to Marina, the bored-looking peroxide-baired carriage atten-dant. The windows of our German-made carriage cannot be opened, as it is supposedly air-conditioned. Her principal task seems to be to hoover the carriage every 24 hours or so, usually when we are nodding off. Nor is there much evidence that she is on the ball; she has been spotted wandering the corridors in a long crimson dressing gown, well after day-break, with her locks in curlers.

But, then, no-one on the train seems to know the time. Small knots of people gather in the corridor to study a timetable on the wall, trying to relocate themselves in the surreal vacuum that has evolved since the train set off.

There is a clock showing much; we are running late, and most of the passengers bave The track hooks around its started from a different point on acidy liquid to be the real thing, 5778-mile journey from Moscow, across the Urals and it's 400 miles long (large enough Sea of Japan – the longest con-





Fin pickings: Nikolai sharing out his supply of pungent raw fish Photograph: Phil Reeves

There is, of course, a great deal of drinking. The other day a group of Russian army offi-cers, their bellies awash with container in his luggage. "Medical spirit," be explained. "Now, booze, beld a press-up contest with a young British civil servant during a station stop. The Briton, a tourist en ronte to

Japan, later told me be had "lost" two days of the seven and a balf day journey from Moscow.

But in an environment in which everyone shares every-

avoiding another meal of fish (or sausage, of which Nikolai has an equally large, equally pungent, stock), I have produced a pot of Skippy peanut butter. Neither Nikolai, nor

Our four-berth second class compartment is only six feet wide and seven feet deep. But my companions move easily among themselves as if they were somewhere four times as large. When one of us is mak-

thusiastic, but they sample it

Russians, long used to

cramped apartments, are good at this kind of collective living.

ing up a hed, or changing clothes, the others automatically slip into the corridor, without exchanging a word. I am the only clumsy one. A couple of hours ago, a large pepperoni sausage fell from my bunk onto the bead of one of the women.

Yet there are few places to which to escape these kinds of embarrassments. You can perch on the small, fold-down plastic seat in the corridor, although not without feeling foolish. You can also retreat to the restaurant car, although very few of the mostly Russian passengers on this train go there, not least because, for many, a plate of sinewy chicken and a beer costs

the equivalent of a day's pay. One visit was enough to discover that serving food was not thing, drinks are as bard to the two young female students high among the staff's priorities, refuse as food. In the hope of who share our space, seem en-

the gas masks which they claimed to have been issued in the (unlikely) event of a gas attack by Chechen terrorists. The rate was six dollars, a strikingly better bargain than the \$20 that one carriage attendant wanted to charge a tourist for his metal tea-cup holder, or the \$10 he wanted for attaching a shower nozzle to the tap in the

grubby wagon lavatory. The restaurant car is the fiefdom of Mikhail and Sasha who, when they are not selling huge quantities of liquor to villagers at each station, wait for foreigners like me to wander in to relieve the boredom.

"Are you English?" de-manded Mikhail. "What happened to your football team? be said, before, somewhat contradictorily, reenacting Gazza's goal against Scotland in the

space between the empty tables.
"Why is England good at nothing these days? You haven't got a number-one skier, tennis player, skater, ice-hockey player, boxer. Name one!"

There was a pause, and his mind turned anew to husiness. "Would you like me to find you a woman?" As the Russians say, "Para iti": time to get back to Nikolai's fish.

Dole pulls tax cuts out of the hat for California

Roger Hedgecock seemed to be in shock. The former Republican mayor turned talk-show host was broadcasting live from outside the hall where the Republicans spent much of last week debating their party's stand on abortion. Mr Hedgecock had invited Jeff White, an anti-abortion crusader with Operation Rescue, to join him. but things had not turned out quite the way he planned.

Mr Hedgecock's conservative credentials are impeccable. For two days last week be stood in for Rusb Limbaugh, the giant of right-wing talk radio. But during this broadcast his guest had produced two, four-feet wide pictures of an 21-week aborted foetus, allegedly taken from an abortion clinic's trash. "Good grief," said Mr Hedgecock. "I don't need to be shown a lot of gore to be convinced."

The party truly begins for California's Republicans today, as a train carrying the State's delegation begins winding its way down the coast to San Diego. For the convention crowd, the Republicans' bash at Planet Hollywood restaurant tonight has been declared the place to be seen.

Yet there was evidence of

Republicans are hoping to win the West coast, but abortion divides them, reports Tim Cornwell in San Diego

both abortion as an issue and Bob Dole as n candidate. "Cal-ifornia's delegation by two-to-one is pro-choice," said Steve Cushman, n long time Republican and chairman of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce.

Ronald Reagan called San Diego his "lucky city", the place where he chose to end his campaigns. Last week, as Bob Dole reached for the great commu-nicator's mantle with bis promise of sweeping tax-cuts, Republicans in Reagan country were thrilled by the old anti-tax message. But they were looking askance at the messenger.

Eighty miles north in Orange County, the conservative bastion of California, the party-line was being hung out: that though Dole would lose beavily in the State today, the campaign has yet to start, and be will get a buge injection of campaign funds when he is officially declared candidate. "The enthusiasm is growing," insisted Dale

discomfort in this city known for Dykema, president of the Linits steely Republicanism, with coln Club, whose 350 members must bave donated at least \$1,500 each to the Republican Party. "If we can swing Cali-fornia, Boh Dole is president." The Lincoln Club is spend-

tinuous rail journey in the

world. Very few people seem to

be travelling the whole way. For

most, the calculations become

too complicated to be worth the

Outside, the "taiga", the end-less forests of silver firs, cedars,

birches and pines, has given way

to the softer, flatter landscape

of the far, Far East, Every now

and then we pass a clutter of

wooden bungalows, their mud

lanes littered with the detritus

of Soviet farming equipment.

we are riding, which was inau-gurated in 1891, under Tsar

Alexander III. The faces of the

few residents grower wider,

testimony to the proximity of

Mongolia and China. But nei-

ther these, nor the grey sky over-

bead, offer many clues. Nikolai

is convinced it is Tuesday; I

know it is Wednesday. As we argue, Nikolai pours

from a vodka bottle on the table.

When I boarded in Irkutsk two

days ago, I believed this warm,

loves hunting ...

It looks as old as the railway

ing \$50,000 to get the vote in Orange County, which traditionally has helped to swing the State's vote. It is boping to use support for the California Civil-Rights Initiative - a ballot proposal that opposes affirmative action - to draw conservatives to the booths on

San Diego's conservatism is rooted in defence with naval and air bases making military the city's second largest industry. But Republicans are still smarting from 1992, when the county went for Bill Clinton with the vote split by a 25 per cent vote for Ross Perot. The Republicans are now

swamping the botels at the beight of San Diego's tourist season. Mr Dole's promise of 15 per cent income tax-cuts will one of quiet resignation.

go down well in a city where earnings are well above the national average, and whose economic engine is entre-preneurial high-tech industry, according to long-time Repub-lican consultant Jack Orr. Clinton's tax increases aimed at the wealthy, he said, had added \$10,000 to his own tax bill.

Dole's 35-year voting record. however, seems never to bave reflected anything like the economic programme he now claims to embrace, according to Tom Stickel, who was the State's campaign chairman four years ago for George Bush. Mr Stick-el claims that "the greatest en-thusiasm" be has been able to sense in San Diego this week has been over rumours that former housing secretary and neo-liberal darling, Jack Kemp, would be Mr Dole's vice-presidential running mate. "That is more curious to me than, gee, when is Dole going to get here?"

Tom Blair, a long-time Republican and editor of the Union Tribune, the San Diego magazine, said: "I don't know of any Republicans who have any sense of confidence in Dole's ultimate victory." The general mood, he said was more

Tamil Tigers continue to chew away at army's morale

New Delhi

Tamil Tigers had long been braced against an attack by the Sri Lankan army on their rebel base at Kilinochi. And when the army offensive, backed by warplanes, began late last month, the Tamil rebels fought back with deadly effect, knowing that if they lost Kilinochi town, they would have nowhere left to

go but the jungle. The rebels erected bunkers and dug watery trenches along the rice paddies, and when the Sri Lankan troops rumbled into the northern outskirts of Kilinochi, the soldiers encountered a bellish barrage of mortars, rockets and machine-gun fire. A military spokesman claimed that nearly 70 soldiers have been killed in the battle for Kilinochi, which has become bogged down to a deadly crawl as the soldiers dodge the bullets

and flying shrapnel exploding in the rice fields and marshes. The Tamil Tigers have admitted to losing 51 defenders in Kilinochi, and through their London office the rebels yesterday claimed that more than 30 Tamil civilians were killed in bombing runs and shelling by Sri



Tamil chief Prabkharan: will

fight on the run in the jungle Lankan forces. The Tamil Tigers called for "international intervention" to stop the Sri Lankan government's "mass slaughter of the Tamil people". However, the Sri Lankan

army is in no mood to halt its assault on Kilinochi. During the night of 16 July, the Tamil Tigers over-ran an army camp at Mullaitvu, in the north-east, slaughtering more than 1,400 soldiers. Only a dozen men survived; some jumped down a well, others shimmled up coconut trees and ching there in fright until reinforcements ar-

hour, killing at least 70 com-muters and injuring 450 others. After these attacks, the army set out to capture Kilinochi, not only for strategic reasons but to restore its battered morale. Meanwhile, international aid

workers have expressed concern for thousands of Tamil refugees who may be trapped in the fighting. More than 200,000 Tamil refugees were buddled around Kilinochi, made homeless by the battles earlier this year on the Jaffna peninsula.

Many refugees have fled into the jungle or run to villages outside the battle zone. But aid workers are worried that the recent offensive bas cut off refugees' food and medicine supplies. The Tamil Tigers accuse the government of blocking an aid convoy of about 120 lorries which was trying to reach Tamil refugees inside the rebelcontrolled areas.

Even if the Tamil chief, Velupillai Prabkharan, and his Black Tiger suicide squads, are rived five days later. That was forced to surrender their jungle

the army's worst disaster in its 13-year war against Tamil separatists. But then, on 24 July, the well-disciplined and beavily-Tamil Tigers reportedly struck again: two bombs exploded on a Colombo train during rusb isolated bases along the estatem coast are easy prey. Yesterday, Tamil Sea Tigers rocketed a Philippine freighter docked

north of Trincomalee port. President Chandrika Kumaratunga, elected on her promise of bringing peace be-tween the minority Tamils and the Sinhalese, now faces a po-litical battle in Colombo, the capital. Several Tamil parties are now threatening to withdraw support unless she resumes talks "without pre-conditions" with the Tigers. But after the Mullaitivu massacre, Mrs Kumaratunga is being urged by ber generals not to rc-start peace talks with the Tigers-broken off by the rebel chief. Mr Prabhkharan, in April 1995 - until Kilinochi falis,

Mrs Kumaratunga has slashed back food and agriculture subsidies to pay for the war -and it may be her undoing. Although Colombo and the island's south have been largely isolated from the war, the latest onslaught against the Tamil rebels is crippling the economy.

Peking makes diplomatic language a game of Chinese whispers

TERESA POOLE

Until the Sino-American Treaty of Wanghia in 1844, China's rulers stipulated that foreigners in the Middle Kingdom were not allowed to learn Chinese, such was the Imperial court's contempt for and fear of the foreign devils.

briefings for foreign journalists will, from next month, take place without the customary English translation, in a move which the People's Daily yesterday said "demonstrates that a China full of confidence is walking toward the world with

bigger strides". Explaining the policy, officials hithely point out that Now, China is taking the op- the US State Department conposite tack: key government ducts its briefings only in Eng-media, whether the reports are spoken language be respected."

pretation. Now China will do the same.

The proposed change is symptomatic of China's demands for global "respect", now that its "international status is elevated day by day", said the People's Daily. China's preoccupation with

its rising status in the world is

trumpeted daily in the official

lish - without Chinese inter- about visiting foreign dignitaries, Olympic Gold medals, or Hong Kong's return to Chinese

sovercignty next year.
"The influence a country's spoken and written language has on the international community," the People's Daily maintained, "has a lot to do with the prosperity of the coun-try. Only when a country is respected will its written and

Unfortunately, the Chinese preriment seems to be unware of the possible pitfalls of vided an "official" translation government seems to be un-aware of the possible pitfalls of its new linguistic rectitude. The statement said that the new policy "would enable the world to understand China better". in error.

Or then again, maybe not. Mandarin Chinese is notoriously difficult, and few foreigners feel confident about reliably translating the subtly worded replies served up at Foreign

to be used by everyone, which is corrected on the spot by the spokesman if it is found to be

From now on, each media organisation will have to come up with its own version, in which the diplo-speak may well be mistranslated. A hundred different versions of what China

has said about Sino-US relations, Taiwan, Hong Kong or nuclear testing will appear around the world.

The Chinese government forbids foreign media organisations to hire translators except through the state-run Diplomatic Service Bureau, but the language skills of the staff on offer are often inadequate. Peking says that It wants in-

nity" of the Chinese language. Certainly, the ministry's cur-rent use of Chinese is imaginative, if not necessarily charming. A frequently used phrase about the "five principles of peaceful co-existence", for example, might be more accurately translated as: "Why other countries must not raise China's record on human

"unprecedented charm and dig-

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The malady that keeps Moscow off colour

arely can a president have been inau-gurated in such humiliating circumstances. Boris Yeltsin, the only freely elected leader in Russian history, looked tired, ill and barely capable of governing the world's largest country when he took the oath of office in yesterday's Kremlin ceremony. What should have been a celebration of Russia's young democracy turned into yet another illustration of the fundamental instability of a country where so much power is concentrated in the hands of one sick man. Far from delivering a memorable Lincoln- or Kennedy-style inaugural address, Mr Yeltsin recited the brief oath, spent a mere 16 minutes on stage, and then hastily departed a ceremony that had been brought indoors and shortened for medical reasons.

To make matters worse, as he solemnly swore to "protect human rights and freedoms" and "earnestly serve the people", thousands of Russian soldiers were under siege from separatist rebels in Grozny, the Chechen capital. Timing their offensive to cause maximum embarrassment to Mr Yeltsin, they conclusively demonstrated this week that, if Russia's armed forces are among the biggest and most powerful in the world, they are also among the most demoralised and incompetent.

Taken together, the intensification of the Chechen war and Mr Yeltsin's poor health mean that he has begun his second term with-

out the optimistic atmosphere and sense of a fresh start that should have accompanied his re-election. Just one month after his victory over Germady Zyoganov, the Communist chal-lenger, organt political and economic problems are piling up and Mr. Yeltsin has yet to come good on any of his principal campaign promises. Illness accounts for much of the uncertain start, but Mr Yeltsin and his advisers need to grasp that the Chechen war is absorbing too much of the time and energy that should be devoted to political and economic reform.

The war which Pavel Grachev, Mr Yeltsin's former defence minister, once boasted would be over in a couple of hours has already lasted 20 months and, according to the US State Department, cost 35,000 civilian lives. The Russian forces have clearly failed in their objective of drumming the rebels out of Grozny and other major towns and confining them to the mountainous south of Chechnya. Indeed, the Chechens made a better job of seizing parts of the capital this week than did the Russians when they first tried to capture Grozny in December 1994. In such a conflict, which pits highly motivated, well-armed guerrillas against poorly paid soldiers and reluctant conscripts, the initiative will always lie with the guerrillas, who can infiltrate lowns,

strike at will and filter away.

If any event proved that this is an unwinnable war for Russia, it was the latest



Chechen offensive. During a week when it was essential that nothing should spoil Mr Yeltsin's inauguration - the first such grand national occasion since Tsar Nicholas II's coronation in 1896 - Russian forces showed themselves incapable of defending a city against fighters who are officially dismissed as "bandits" and "terrorist gangs". It makes little sense to blame the rebels, as the United States did this week, for launching their offensive. It had been clear for several weeks that the Russian forces had little intention of honouring the truce that Mr Yeltsin accepted in June as a way of taking the Chechen war out of the electoral debate. The basic responsibility for the war lies with the Kremlin, as Mr Yeltsin himself acknowledges in his more reflective moments.

Since there can be no military solution to the conflict, the only way forward is a restoration of the truce, followed by a negotiated settlement. This in turn will free Mr Yeltsin and his government to concentrate on overcoming the challenges facing Russia, particularly on the ecocomic front. The most important problem is the state budget deficit. The government's failure to collect taxes efficiently and keep the deficit under control caused the International Monetary Fund to withhold last month's tranche of the \$10.2bn (£6.6bn) loan agreed earlier this year to underpin Russia's market reforms.

It is vital that the Russian government

should introduce detailed tax reforms and make a determined effort at collecting taxes from cheating companies, for without the IMF funds, the entire reform process could grind to a halt. Yet a successful tax policy, like a successful anti-inflation programme. requires sustained political will, and much of the government's will is being sapped by the prolonged and brutal Chechen war.

Mr Yeltsin has probably not helped matters by reconstructing his administration in a way that seeks to balance various Kremlin interest groups and personalities against each other. He has nominated Viktor Chernomyrdin, a moderate reformer representing the oil and gas industry, to continue as prime minister. But he promoted Alexander Lebed, an erratic retired general, to be his personal security adviser, and then let him pick Russia's new defence minister, Igor Rodionov, Mr Chernomyrdin and Mr Lebed each sees himself as Mr Yeltsin's natural successor, and neither regards the other with warmth. The atmosphere of intrigue and struggle, all the thicker because of Mr Yeltsin's illness, cannot serve the cause of effective government.

Yet the chief obstacle to a successful Yeltsin second term remains the Chechen war. After this week's events, it should be clear to him that Russia's problems can only grow more acute the longer he delays peace negotiations and the search for a political settlement.

LETTER from

veryone knows about the

It's that time of year

silly season, don't they?

humid mid-summer heat. I

could go swimming, see the

kids, pop into the office to

make a few calls, but there

wouldn't be anything to worry me. The next day Saddam Hus-

sein invaded Kuwait: I found

myself writing half the paper;

and my bureau chief paddled

back over the lake, climbed in

his car and headed back to DC.

Somehow something always

And so it's been this week.

The Editor goes off on holiday.

assuring me that everything's

quiet, and the next minute we

find ourselves grappling with

two of the most fundamental

human questions. First we are

compelled to ask when society

should allow a woman to end

half of a twin pregnancy; then

we find ourselves pondering

what it might mean if we are

not, after all, alone in the

So far as seasons go, I'm sure

you can make a case for saying that there is something faintly

silly about finding a hint of life on Mars - although I am con-vinced, from our readers' huge

fascination for the whole sub-

ject of cosmology, that the

question twangs a deep chord

in our consciousness. The

implications for our sense of

human selves of an alternative

evolution somewhere else in

And there is nothing even

approximately silly about trying

to judge one woman's decision

to abort one of her embryonic

twins. Inevitably this topic has

provoked a deluge of letters.

the universe are enormous.

seems to happen.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

No change to drink-driving limit

Sir: Your front page and leader (8 August) on drinking and driving accused me of seeking "excuses" for not lowering the legal blood alcohol limit. Whatever else, "excuses" are

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Like you, I am concerned that the massive reduction in drink-related fatalities over the last decade now seems to have bottomed out. I agree that every life lost is an avoidable tragedy. You are right that complete abstinence is the only sensible policy and it is the message we constantly conveyed. You are right too, that habits have indeed changed largely, I would argue, because of the sustained media campaign over extraordinarily effective.

But it is precisely that overwhelming public support that could be forfeited if government were seen to be going beyond what the public perceive as reasonable. It is not the legal blood alcohol limit that saves lives. As you yourselves point out, many countries in Europe have lower limits and tougher penaltics, yet none has a better record on alcohol-related road death. It is the acceptance of the underlying message that has changed our habits, not the legal limits or penalties, and it is that which I believe would be at risk if the Association of Chief Police Officers, the British Medical Association or any other no doubt well-intentioned body disturbs the present consensus.

There may be a time when it will be right to introduce a lower limit, but that time is not oow. STEVEN NORRIS MP (Epping Forest, Con) House of Commons London SWI

Sir: Paul Vallely asks in his article

To imagine is to understand (6

categorically regarded as religious

scholars such as St Augustine or St

about procreation, conception and

when life begins was very limited in

the Middle Ages. Bold theories such

disguised the lack of knowledge. It

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wrong by the 17th century, when

William Harvey discovered that

blood circulation of its own.

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after only three weeks the child had

Today, we know that the ovum

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was science that showed the faults in

as those that "ensoulment" took

place 40 days after conception

The answer is simple: knowledge

August) why anti-abortionists,

absolutists, fail to recognise the

views on abortion of medieval

Thomas Aquinas.

Sir. Your report that police chiefs are about to make a public show of support for lowering the present drink-driving limit heralds a breakthrough for the campaign run by doctors, road safety and health groups for many years.

Lowering the drink-driving limit

ill save hundreds of lives. With the Association of Chief Police Officers about to add their voice to that of the BMA, the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety, the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Alcohol Misuse and Alcohol Concern, surely it cannot be long before the Government sees the sense of MARY-ANN MCKIBBEN Director Alcohol Concern

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Sir: A reduction in the level of ... alcohol with which we may drive will probably save lives, and is to be welcomed.

However, you fail to put the figures for drink-related deaths into context. You say that in 1993, 540 deaths were attributable to drinkdriving. There was a total of 2,969 deaths in motor vehicle accidents in England and Wales in 1993, so it follows that 2,429 of them (82 per cent) involved stone-cold sober

A motor vehicle is a killing machine with or without alcohol. Is it not time that much more. publicity and effort was put into reducing the other 82 per cent of the deaths? J P JOHNSON Bristol

century, advocating abortion betray any values conveyed by the

the Middle Ages. The difference is

Sir: If we are really concerned for

woman to ask herself two questions:

one is "do I really want this child?";

prospects of giving this child a fair chance in life?"

these questions is in the oegative

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means anything then no foems

to both questions.

ERIC STOCKTON

Sanday, Orkney

If the honest answer to either of

then, in my opinion, the woman has

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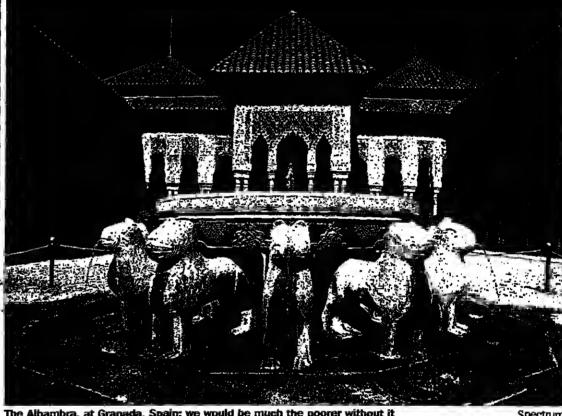
that they cannot claim the innocence of the ignorant.

TOBIAS SCHUMACHER

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Medieval views on abortion are ignorant



The Alhambra, at Granada, Spain: we would be much the poorer without it

Islam's contribution to world civilisation and culture

Sir: Perhaps Robert Fisk ("Burying the Crusader's sword", 1 August) can explain why the 800-year occupation of Spain, the 400-year occupation of Greece and the Balkans, the 200year occupation of Sicily, and the 100-year occupation of Corsica (longer than the occupation of Iraq by the British) by Arabs or Turks are not seen for the acts of aggression. colonialism and imperialism that they were. Add for good measure, the three-year siege of Malta, the siege of Vienna in 1683, the capture who are still, at the dawn of the 21st of Taranto, the yearly raiding parties along the French and Italian coasts and it becomes quite difficult to see Enlightenment, and take the view of whom the police have been unable

Islamic triumphalism and consequently Islamic jihad or "crusade" and aggression are not fantasies but established facts. If the Pope is to apotogise for the Crusades, then perhaps an Islamic Council can apologise for Islam's past depredations. It would be useful and salutary to hear in mind, that in its conquering course, Islam destroyed one major Middle Eastern religion, Zoroastrianism, and in the words of one Indian writer, "broke the back of Indian

civilisation. None of this would detract from Islam's contribution to world civilisation and culture. We would be much the poorer without the Alhambra, without Averroes and Avicenna, without algebra, without Persian and Moghul miniatures, and without the Taj Mahal or the Dome

of the Rock. Once apologies have been made on all sides, we could then see yearly gatherings of European and Islamic and Jewish artists and intellectuals, scholars and scientists to examine our common problematic future seen, alas, in the light of a long history of mutual aggression. Hopefully, they would display more balance than Robert Fisk who, in warning against the demonisation of Islam, almost succeeds in demonising Americans, Israelis and Jews and sundry Europeans who happen not to share

JOHN D NORMAN London W3

Whistle-blowing in the workplace

Sir. Paul Vallely ("Are you brave enough to blow the whistle?", 2 August) glides over one of the main problems facing senior staff who fall foul of improper employer behaviour - whether it is dishonesty, breach of contract, harassment, health and safety breaches or whatever. He states, of someone who was sacked after blowing the whistle that "although he subsequently won his claim for unfair dismissal, his compensation was statutorily limited

to less than half his annual salary." In 1974, when the Labour government and the Trades Union Congress agreed on the compensation for unfair dismissal, they limited the maximum compensation (which is rarely paid) to less than two-thirds of the average annual salary. It has suited successive governments to protect employers who behave improperly and unfairly, by keeping compensation so low that anyone in even a moderately senior position has virtually no protection under the employment protection legislation. It will be a test of the seriousness of the opposition parties in their "fight" against corruption in business, to see whether they continue to condone this nonprotection of just those who would be most effective as whistle-blowers.

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best when they provide a place where real people reflect on the when everyone is on holiday, nothing happens, so we fluff up stories that can't quite be most potent events in their emotional lives – which is described as oews, and - well. shall we just say - inflate things what's been happening on this page over the past few days. However, a subject like this also I've always thought the silly season is a bit of a misnomer. creates certain special discomforts for a newspaper. If the It oever really arrives, and it's rarely very silly. The year I worked in America, my then doctor was wrong to expose woman X to a risk of broken hureau chief departed for his confidentiality, were we right to Adirondacks on I August assuriog me that nothing, commentate so vigorously? It is at least ambiguous: the public absolutely nothing ever hap-peoed that would bring people back to Washington DC in the debate is a great hlessing, but it wouldn't have happened if the doctor had not been

struggled with these problems

themselves. There is a sense in

which newspapers are at their

The question of whether a hint of life has been found on Mars twangs a deep chord in our consciousness

What else was silly this week? Clare Short's attack on Tony Blair? Nothing very silly about that. In fact, you can usually tell that a political party is hufting and puffing when its spin doctors try to dismiss a story as mere "silly season" agitation, as they did in this case. Nonsense. Clare Short attacked Tony Blair's New Labour programme policies. Site attacked him. And she was articulating the opinions of many Lahour activists. This story will run and run - until Mr Blair cuts her dead.

My favourite question of the week, though, is who you would choose as the top five British women of the century. I sort of assumed that men would be less eligible to comment on the matter. I, like many readers, was amazed to discover that the Post Office's selection panel hadn't eveo considered Barbara Hepworth. But then, it's a bit like playing Your Five Favourite Albums, Five Best Novels - you know, the sort of thing you do in the silly season. when you're on hotiday ...

> Colin Hughes Deputy Editor

Steel and Power Age

programme for an individual. Those

Sir: I enjoyed the picture of the crannog in Loch Tay ("Bronze Age high-rise comes home to Loch Tay with a house on stilts", 8 August). believe that at least one of the six volunteers working on the project, using traditional building methods, may have made a discovery even greater than the scientists analysing the Martian

In late May, I spent three days at mercorite. a hotel less than 100 yards from the crannog. Every so often the peace was hooken by the unmistakable

sound of a chainsaw being applied to the "natural materials". Perhaps the Bronze Age should be renamed the Steel and Power Age. GARY STATE Hounston: Middleser

| Pinewood's Ned Kelly

Sir: Talking of "Ned Kelly" films (letters, 7 August), don't forget the Peter Finch one made at Pinewood in 1957. The oearest we got to Australia was the back lot at Pinewood! As one of Ned's gang 1 remember the hot days in the saddle as we rode across the built-up sand

If memory serves me rightly it was called Robbery Under Arms. No masterpiece, but a lot of fun and Peter made a dashing Ned. It was directed with great outback gusto by Jack (A Town Like Alice) Lee. PETER PORTEOUS Nutbourne, West Sussex

Short's antics are a threat to Labour victory victory at the next general election could mean the end of the Labour Party, let alone another five

Clare Short and her tribe as I am (report, 8 August). With only months to a general election and a chance to free our country of the nonentities currently in office, we are treated to yet another display of unfocused emoting which can only serve Conservative purposes rather than those of Labour.

She might care to reflect that Tony Blair has made her seat and those of Ken Livingstone, Jeremy Corbyn and the other malcontents infinitely safer than otherwise they would have been. In the event of a Tory victory she would be able to parade her left-wing conscience from the well-paid safety of the back benches without any burden of responsibility or loyalty. The real victims would be the old. the poor, the unemployed and all

who yearn for a more just society. Her complaints about being attacked from behind by those whom she thought were her supporters might hetter have been expressed by Tony Blair than by herself, but then, he has more sense. LEONARD PRIDE

Sir: It is not the combined efforts of

destructive years of Tory government, then why is she hellbent on ensuring that her grim prophecy becomes reality Clare Short claims that it is

Labour's "obsession" with the media that will prevent them from winning. is to appear divided and Short is an expert at generating the spin on that. BÉTH LAMONT

They have obviously failed to is taken, usually by those who are the would be most laudable to find all the

many of which emotively voice the personal experience of twins or mothers who have

QUOTE UNQUOTE If teachers cannot improve, heads and governors must not be afraid to dismiss them - Gillian Shephard, Education Secretary Jumping into a car after a smash-and-grab raid on a jewellers to be told by the driver that the car wouldn't go - "Mad" Frankie

Fraser on his most embarrassing moment don't want to sound big-headed, but it's because I'm a very good

entertainer - Max Bygraves explaining his success I want to die at a great age, doing a hole-in-one at Lytham, with my wife there to witness it, or she'd never believe me - Gerry

Marsden, of the pop group Gerry and the Pacemakers I've allowed myself half a day to see some koala bears but that's it - Ann Widdecombe, prisons minister, stressing that her forthcoming two-week trip to Australia will be spent almost exclusively visiting penal institutions

Seaguils have no natural predator - perhaps we will have to become that predator - Hugh Murton, a public health official in Cornwall, after complaints from holidaymakers about birds swooping on them looking for food

He is a vicious, violent tennis player - Clive James, TV personality, on Chris Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, who beat him 6-0, 6-0

these events as merely the actions of uninvited and over-boisterous guests

Sir: I suspect that many more people must be as weary of the antics of

Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire

Peter Mandelson, Alastan Campbell and Tony Blair that will lose Labour the next general election. If Clare-Short is intelligent enough to realise that anything other than a Labour

One sure-fire way to throw it all away

Sir: I am bemused by the likes of Brian Mawhinney (6 August) and now Clare Short who seem to think it a shortcoming in Tony Blair that he seeks power.

observe a principle which is demonstrable in every walk of life and at every level of social organisation: power is never given, it most determined and ruthless. Despite pious protestations to the contrary, the surest guide to understanding such matters remains in the realism of Machiavelli, for while "everyone will admit that it good qualities combined in a prince.. human nature does not allow it". F+ DOMINIC KIRKHAM Corpus Christi Priory

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Dole faces his last hurrah

Next week the Republican presidential contender will be hailed as a conquering hero in a frenzy of choreography. But behind the smiles, says Rupert Cornwell, his party is being taken over

or one wonderful, allintoxicating moment - lasting at least as long as it takes a blizzard of red, white and blue balloons to drift to earth from the 27-feet-high ceiting of the ungenerously small San Diego Convention Center - Bob Dole will stand supreme. There on Thursday evening, having been ferried across the city's great bay like a conquering emperor of old, a enarled 73-year-old Kansan will live the American politician's penultimate dream: acclaimed and adored by a gathering of 1,990 delegates from every state in the land as be accepts the Republican party's nomination for the Presidency.

The leathery, eternally tanned Dole face will crack into a wolfish grin, and as he savours his triumph, surely even sweeter still at the third time of asking, the taking of the White House itself will seem the merest formality. And who is to grudge him his instant of finely choreographed glory, the goocy show of unity that briefly smoothes over the deepest divisions? Between now and election day on 5 November, there may be few others.

The barsh fact is that Bob Dole enters this convention as the most poorly placed Republican candidate in at least 30 years. Not since Barry Goldwater in 1964 has one been further adrift in the polls. In 1976 and 1992, Gerald Ford and George Bush were almost as far bebind at a comparable stage, but they at least bad the advantage of incumbency. The past month bas been a series of disasters great and small. One moment he seemed to doubt that nicotine was addictive, the next be was gratuitously snubbing the NAACP, the most prestigious black civil rights group. This past week has seen further discomfort: a cave-in on abortion to right-wingers that flatly contradicted earlier commitments, and the embracing of a radical tax-cutting, deficit-boosting economic plan that runs contrary to both his record over 35 years in Congress and every instinct in his body.

Such is the price to pay, however, when your deficit in the polls is 20 per cent, your opponent is stealing your every decent idea, and bribery of the voter seems the only recourse. Today Dole announces his vicepresidential running mate. He -but not Colin Powell, the one man who could bave transformed Republican prospects

And so we are left with the convention. These days, it is said, a convention counts for little. The smoke-filled room is a memory from a remote pre-environmentalist era. More than any of its predeccessors, the four-day spectacular which begins in San Diego on Monday will be a pageant of rubber-stamping. Organisers describe uniquely interactive gathering." In fact, long before it happened, the occasion was pre-produced for television, complete with fuzzy videos "introducing" Mr Dole to a nation be has served promi-nently for three decades. Only the ingenuous, though, need fear a stumble on the apparatus and the intrusion of real politics: "There won't be any political issues at this convention," Paul Manafort, the convention manager, assures. But

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image becomes all.

The networks and newspapers will do all in their power not to sup too obediently from the Republican spoon, But next week the party will bave its main and last chance of a sustained public showcase, free of competition from the Olympics, the Democrats - even from Clinton, politicking in California this week but graclously on boliday in Wyoming the next. Rather than another orgy of Clinton-bashing, bow-ever, what Dole needs desperately is harmony and unity.

Beyond argument be is a stunningly inept campaigner: undisciplined, a wretched and Americans expect from their conceal his disdain for the contortions and absurdities of life the only reason for his predicament. Equally responsible are the splits within his own party between moderates and conwill be a worthy soul, to be sure servatives, especially social cou-

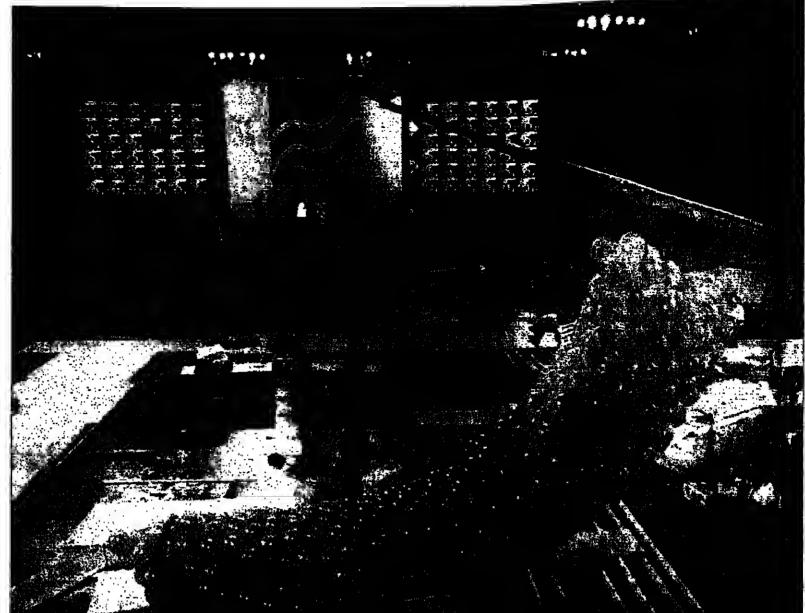
servatives and the religious right, and above all on the issue of abortion. The "Big Tent" has shrunk, the "Open Door" has all but closed. Ronald Reagan, of course, charmed every Republican fac-tion into submission. But his famous "Eleventh Commandment", to "Speak no ill of a fel-low Republican," is now hon-

oured in the breach. With unusual patience, Dole has tacked back and forth this summer to win both social conservatives and pro-life moderates to a compromise on the abortion language in the con-vention platform. In the end there was a compromise - or more exactly, a capitulation to the religious right, reiterating the demand for a constitutional amendment ontlawing abortion, from whose text even the word "tolerance" was literally

Thus, in cameo, the explanation for the Republican Party's fall from grace since it recaptured control of Congress for the first time in 40 years, just 21 months ago. Thus, too, the prime reason for the wretched state of the Dole candidacy. Since 1992 the fire-breathing Pat Buchanan has roamed the land. The Christian Coalition of the evangelist Pat Robertson (who ran for president in 1988) bas been around for even longer, but never has the party seemed as intolerant and exclusive as now, since Newt Gingrich became Speaker of the House of Representatives in January 1995, and the religious right took control of a dozen state parties.

Mr Dole's dilemma, therefore, is that (if Ralph Reed, the angel-faced martinet who is executive director of the Christian Right, is to be believed) 60 per cent of delegates to the convention are social conservatives. Like it or not, be cannot ignore them - not just because they are a majority in San Diego, but because no candidate can afford to alienate his activists. Certainly, shades of difference exist between purists platitudinous speaker, quite who place moral issues first, bereft of the "vision" that and the pragmatists like Reed who place moral issues first, who know full well that if cen-President. Often be can barely trist voters are scared off, Dole cannot win. But for the moment, skilfully nudged by on the stump. But that is not President Clinton, those vital centrists are scared stiff.

What makes his predicament all the more poignant now is that, on paper, Dole is the ideal man to bridge the gap. He



The balloon goes up: the cheers at the convention will be deafening, but they may be the last Bob Dole hears for a long time

is a conservative, true, but of an older school, a decent man sceptical of dogma, tempered background, be resembles his predecessor as nominee, George Bush. Like the patri-cian Bush, Dole has always been suspected by Reaganite true believers and the religious right. As his poll ratings have nosedived, both camps have fantasised about a Dump Dole effort. The question neither has answered, and which illuslican divide, is: If not Dole, either some little-known sena-

Under Republican rules, of course, a coup is impossible. But suppose Mr Dole quit voluntarily, or fell under a San Diego bus. Who could take his gricb, architect of the Contract with America, and now the sin- sidering as his running-mate.

gle most unpopular politician in America. Nor even a partially mellowing Pat Buchanan, who, by hard times and by common having won 3 million votes in sense. Ideologically, if not by the primaries and now the battle of the platform, is mut-tering about endorsing Mr Dole, assuming a suitably pro-life vice-presidential nominee was found.

But the religious right would never wear a General Powell, or a moderate pro-choice Governor like Christine Whitman of New Jersey, William Weld of of California. Which leaves tor, or a retread grandee from the Bush administration like James Baker. Or, and perhaps most broadly acceptable, the popular former Housing Secretary and passionate supply-sider place? Certainly not Newt Gin- Jack Kemp - whom Mr Dole has in fact been seriously con-

But even then the extremism problem will remain. Quite apart from the deal on abortion, whose only merit is to avoid the PR disaster of a public floorfight, the platform is a social conservative wish-list. On issues from immigration to

The platform is a social conservative wish-list. On every issue, the right has prevailed

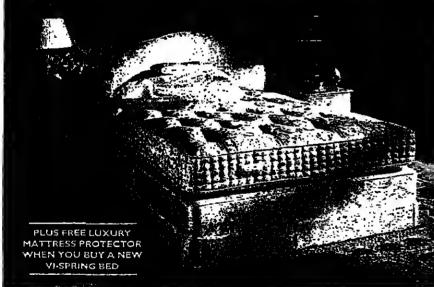
school choice (abolish the federal Department of Education in its entirety), from gays to for-eign policy (no US troops under UN command), the right has prevailed. True, convention platforms are traditionally

forgotten by Labor Day, when the campaign begins in earnest, and for a moment next week at least, the quarrelling of the spring and summer will be put

But Bob Dole is caught in a nightmarish trap. He is too weak in the polls to impose unity on his party; yet every day that public disunity persists, that weakness increases. True, victorious American political parties bave often seen bizarre bedfellows; none more so than Franklin Roosevelt's Democrat coalition of blacks, blue-collar whites and the segregationist yet viscerally anti-Republican South. But an iron-clad rule obtains. Break those coalitions apart, and the party loses. Lyndon Johnson's civil rights programme cost the Democrats the Old South, and Republicans won five of the next six Presidential elections.

In 1964, Barry Goldwater seemed to do the same for Republicans when he humiliated the "Rockefeller Republicans" and the party's old Eastern establishment at the convention, only to be branded an extremist and subsequently routed in the general election against Johnson. But Goldwater's was a defeat with a difference. From his political ashes arose the new Republican party: Soutbern-slanted and suburban, ideologically conservative. That battle is being replayed today. Dole Kansan by birth but East Coast Washington politico to his fingertips, is representative of a vanishing breed. This time, the social conservatives and religious right may drag him down to crushing defeat. But if history is any guide, for better or worse the Republican future is

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Jo Brand's week

Oasis's performance at Knebworth this weekend promises to be a nightmare for the police, who have to get buge crowds in and out over two days with the minimum of trouble. So it is beart-warming to know that the poor old police have been issued with a video to give the officers some idea of the fans they are up against. Oasis fans are described as "feisty, contrary and beligerent", thus setting the scene, one would have thought, for the odd dust-up between the boys in blue and the gig-goers. In my experience, when the police get together m a group, they can be pretty feisty, contrary and beligerent too, although

police entertainment tends o feature a couple of strippers and a racist Mancanian comic, rather than a talented Mancunian band. Let's hope the good sense of the band prevents any potential rumbles getting out of hand. Oh dear, I forgot ... they're feisty, contrary and belligerent too. No doubt. after this weekend, the rozzers will be begging for a few Cliff shows



A recent charity golf tournament m Fairfax county, Virginia, included topless female caddies and an auction of women to accompany male golfers in their carts. Funny, but I've always thought that the women's movement was particularly strong in America. Perhaps the Fairfax county branch is a bit depleted at the moment. Let's . hope this doesn't catch on in professional golf or they'll never get round the course. The American Heart Foundation, for whom the tournament was organised, has said it will return the donation. I don't suppose they realised that quite so many women were going to strip down as near to their hearts as possible. As for the auction side of things, when are these sad women going to realise that to be selected by some menopausal tartan-clad sack of spuds is not a valid assessment of your worth as a person?

I was in Cork last weekend to do a couple of shows and for a change the

tour manager, myself and another act rose well before the "Countdown" honr and decided on a visit to Blarney Castle, container of the famous stone. Apparently, the original gift bestowed by the Blarney stone was the ability to tell lies for seven years, something those of us who are crap at it would find far more useful than the gift of the gab. I had always assumed that kissing this thing involved no more than a three-minute stagger off the coach, a slight bend of the waist. maybe, and mission accomplished. To someone like me with the fitness record of a sloth it seemed more like mission impossible. First of all you have to get up to the top of Blarney Castle (no lift), via numerous treacherously narrow winding stairs. so designed that invaders could be dispatched with the most minuscule of shoves. Then you have to pick your way round a narrow lumpy floor full of holes revealing a sizeable drop, and finally lie on your back bolding on to two metal bars while an attendant-

type holds your feet and pisses himself laughing, as you are dispatched towards the saliva-sullied object. Kiss the Blarney stone? Pogue mahone. (Translation available in Gaelic dictionary.)

Being a bit of an international traveller, this week found me in Shropshire as well, witnessing one of the strangest phenomena I have ever seen. During a heavy thunderstorm, smoke started to billow from a group of trees some 200 yards from where I was staying. We ran to investigate. I use the term "ran" loosely. In fact, in this context, it means "went in the car". The source of the smoke was an enormous tree which had been struck by lightning. It was burning fiercely, and threatened to bring the whole tree down. For once a camera was to hand, although we could not persuade a neighbour down the road to come and have a look as she maintained she has been hit twice by lightning and didn't fancy third time unlacky. I wonder if seeing something like this has some ominous portent? If I'm not here next week, you'll know why,

Cyclists decided to get militant this week and stop the traffic in London on the day of the Inbe strike. They are from a group called Reclaim The Streets and are protesting about congestion in London. As a driver, I have to say that cyclists aren't always the conscientious road users they

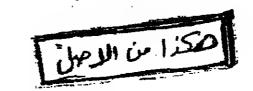
often claim to be, despite the fact that they do not spew fumes at the rate the rest of us in cars do. As an ex-cyclist myself (incredible as it may seem). I am well aware of the dangers that cyclists face and they don't make it any easier by winding up car drivers in several ways. First, I very rarely see a cyclist obeying traffic lights. They seem to think they have the right to take a short cut across the pavement or just carry on. Second, a sizeable majority don't bave lights at night. Then, whenever you go within a few feet of them on the road, so you don't have a crash with another car, they scream sanctimoniously as though they own the road. As for hand signals ... non-existent. They have also turned grubby parts of London into what appears to be a suburb of California, with a selection of hideous lycra and face apparatus. Not much of an objective criticism that last one,

but I never was much of a scientist. I had always imagined that the world of the druid lay Somewhere beyond the sort of petty earthly squabbles that tie the rest of us

down. But no, it seems they're just like us. A row bas broken out among Welsh druids because some of them have been sending letters with the stamps on upside down and this is considered a mark of disrespect to her Maj. So far, four people have been banned from ceremonies at next week's Eisteddfod and are planning to protest by turning up in musti and not in their usual robes. Given the current postal strike, it may be that sticking the stamp apside down might get the letter there more efficiently. Besides, I'm sure the Queen has far more to worry about

than her perm being rained.

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Wonderbras in the workplace DAVID AARONOVITCH

What do women talk about at the office? A sexual harassment case this week prompted Emma Daly to listen in to some very personal conversations

time after a meeting when we began to discursex after pregnancy?" said a boss, with a laugh. She is a wman and so were her two collegues. After a wary-ish start, a three shared, in detail and th some gusto, the lack of sem their lives after giving birth exhaustion, pain and so

Thstory came out in a chat ahou the latest and most hizar sexual harassment allegatio; to hit the press - the accustion by Joanna Poole, 22, it her life was made miserabl by the repeated com-mentof Christine Butland, 26.

Fd most women 'personal' coments are a orm in work

"Chstine seemed to take pleasurm embarrassing me in that wayy making comments about myreasts," Ms Poole told an indivial tribunal.

'he used to say she wished shead bigger hreasts and that shi wished she could lose weht. She also wanted to get hehair cut short like mine. She wild make comments about miegs and said she wished she hi my figure."

We will never know Ms Butlad's version of events, as the ce was settled out of court folloing the testimony of a third oleague, who described the rearks as "just compliments,

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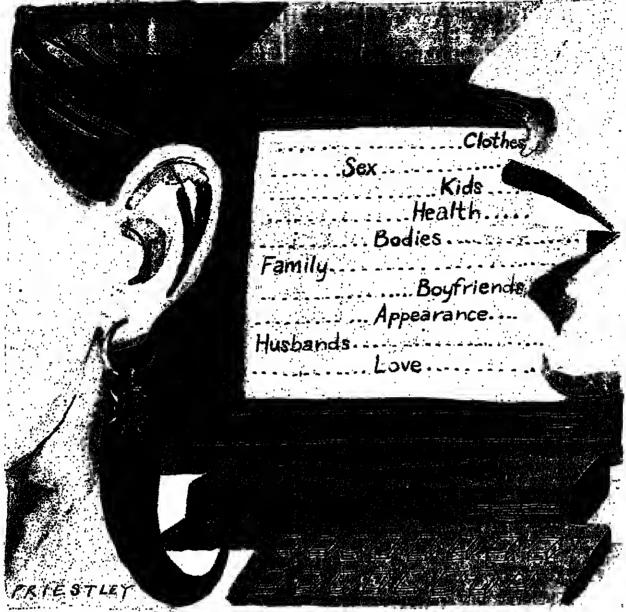
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What is praise to one is hniliation to another, and m have long used sexual coments to remind women of a sser status as objects. But th reaction in my office -readless of the truth of Ms Pde's allegations - was one of surise. For most of the woen at the Independent, at lea, are quite used to exchang insersonal comments and at tins intimate emotional deils. And this seems to hold got for many working women. hrie, 28, Ruth, 25, and Stehanie 24, work for an Anrican investment bank and has become close friends. Ru thinks the details of the Poe case "sound strange",



because she and her friends agree they would not discuss their sex lives openly at work except with three or four or five

But would they ask a new-comer if she was married or had a boyfriend? "That would be the first question I'd ask," alies Stephanie: "And she'd find out all the details," adds Marie. This doesn't hold true, they feel, for male colleagues. "Often, you notice that the new guys are sitting on their own in the canteen for a long time, whereas we'd invite a new girl out for lunch immediately,"

Rnth says. Sophie, who works in adver-

tising, was lunching yesterday with Vanessa - her former boss through and it's been rewarding because she's set such high and now a friend. She was standards and I've come lucky, perhaps. Vanessa told me about a "horrific" experithrough and I've actively chosen to stay with her. She treats ence with a female boss. "She me much better now. We're actually quite similar and that's was not supportive at all and saw me as a threat and really probably why we clashed."

pushed me... we didn't get on I once worked with a woman at all, and that was potentially more destructive," she said, who was unpopular because she could be (and often was) a identifying a notorious bitch-inreal bitch. But as one of the (few) other women, I came to the-manger trait. "I think her problem may have been that see (and hear) how unhappy she was, and how she took this she had to fight so hard for it out on others. I did not seek and she thought it was too easy her confidences, but I did not So far, so good for the rightbetray them.

wing tabloids. But Vanessa con-Women - aside from the Thatcher/Queen Bee model tinnes: "In fact, we've come

who loathes other women and who is said to be on her way out now - tend to work in a more co-operative, collaborative atmosphere, in which the hierarchy is less evident and in which credit is assigned where

"It is routine," a female friend said with resignation "to hear male bosses take credit for other people's ideas, sometimes almost unconsciously. They say 'I', meaning 'I, the department'. Female bosses are far more likely to say 'we', and to praise something to a superior as 'Jane's idea', for example."

Miles, who writes on careers for Cosmopolitan, says women model work on the family, while men adopt hierarchical, militaristic structures. Consequently, women tend to show more concern for colleagues

and subordinates, but may also

find it difficult to discipline them.
Cary Cooper, professor of occupational psychology, says women make much better managers than men. "They tend to be much more people-oriented; they know how to manage resistance to change because they understand the fears involved," he said. "Women do talk in the workplace about personal issues... There is no way men talk about having a sexual prob-

The woman you have never met tells you she likes your hair

lem in their marriage, or having

a bad marriage."
Not all women feel the same,
of course. One of my colleagues believes that any personal comment is inappropriate at work
-but those of us who heard her say that will know, from now on, not to talk to her about our love-lives or her clothes. Harassment is all about context and conviction: a woman who deliberately, and despite evident embarrassment, spoke to another about ber sex-life or her body would clearly be guilty of more than bad social skills.

But for most women, "personal" comments are a norm, in work as with their friends, family and acquaintances. "People are actually complimentary at work," said Sophie. It's true, and such comments among women are often an icebreaker: the woman you have never met tells you she likes your hair, so you start to chat.

Perhaps we work in a more liberal atmosphere than most, but the *Independent* office file of quotes saved for posterity includes the following: "Kathy came up and said, These Wonderbras are great. You should get one.' I told her: 'Get lost, I'm wearing one." Then there was the glamorous but motherly 50something who said: "There are some very fine bosoms on this Professionals agree. Rosalind floor - have you noticed?"

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The British are good in a crisis." That's what we all believe. So we can afford to raise our eyes to heaven at the cack-handed and panieky way that the Americans responded to that small bomb in Allania last month. We know that they've not been tested as we have. The Luftwaffe and the IRA have not set fire to their cities; they haven't watched their docks and cathedrals hurning. But when my wife finally

returned home on Thursday night, delayed by the Watford train crash, she had a very different tale to tell. She, a colleague, a very heavy box and 300 other pasengers were trav-elling from Liverpool to Euston, and must have been close to Nuneaton when, some 50 miles to the south, the 17.04 smashed into an empty train returning to its depot.

Soon her train was either going at a snail's pace, or was stuck stationary in the middle of a turnip field. The guard could not tell passengers what was going on, because the train's tannoy was broken - but it wasn't long hefore mobile phooes and radios began giving the first news of the crash. There was an instant rush for the buffet car as word spread along the train that the delay could be bad.

Eventually, they pulled into a large station 40 minutes drive north of London and stopped. Again, there was no announcement, so someone got off, then someone else did. then they all did. After a brief mill, an employee of the rail-ways was discovered; the cackle of his walkie-talkie had given him away. He didn't know anything, he said. Nobody knew anything. Since the splitting up of the railways, it had become impossible for people to know things. Perhaps there would be buses, perhaps

With the station obviously closed for business, the mass of husiness travellers, families and tourists made their way to the station car-park, past a small and static gaggle of male rail employees who were standing around, speaking into their walkie-talkies and looking as urgent and harassed as any group of completely unem-ployed men ever could. Was it possible, asked my 5ft lin partner, for someone to help them with the box? One snorted,

another cast his eyes up to heaven. Didn't she know that there was a crash on? "We're bringing bodies off the line," said one, whose own body hadn't shifted in 30 minutes.

By now, the car-park was full of people, some (especially those with children) frantic, some (like the football team) pissed. One of the railmen lumbered over. "There'll be buses on the other side of the station," he yelled, "When?" He didn't know, "How many?" Didn't know that, either. And off he went again, leaving the masses, like the children of Israel, to march off out of bondage under their own steam.

After about an hour, the first hus arrived. Not a capacious double-decker, nor even

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a coach, but a hoppa - one of those things that takes two small pensioners and a shopping buggy and has a range of about half a mile, By now, an off-duty female rail employee, tiring of the offensive incompetence of her male colleagues, was actively organising tired passengers into queues for the non-existent huses. Everyone did as they were

Those few with a bit more of their own or their employer's money to hurn kept on the look-out for taxis. One drew up beside the large box and asked my wife where she wanted to go. As she replied, a female voice from behind squealed, pay more!" A Barbour-clad twentysomething, who had obviously not heard of the Blitz, was now entering an auction for the cab, which suited the driver, who was happy to entertain bids. Faced with the forces of evil, my wife

What would she now say characterises the British in a time of crisis? For the most part, it's docility, ignorance, apathy, selfishness, self-righteousness and huck-passing. Depressing, eh?

Oxford, city of dreaming cranes

The university town has trouble ccepting change: even when it is a ree gift, says Godfrey Hodgson

ot before Guy Fawkes Day will Congregation, Oxford University's democratic hut distinly unwieldy parliament, get to dece whether the university will accet Wafiq Said's £20m benefactionnd build a husiness studies centre a part of the university's staff spos ground. In the meantime, donhave been reaching for their trus word-processors and firing off letts to the newspapers, and Oxford has een enjoying its favourite pastime argument.

Te business studies project will nowave to run two gauntiets. First, the non in gowns will have their chace with the cudgel; then, if Congreation says yes, it will be the turn of te townics on the city's planning committee- many of them, like the Grens' le der Mike Woodin, dons

I the long run, the betting is that the project will go through both Cogregation and the council, althugh, presumably, its chances are noexactly helped by the fact that the grundsman at the sports ground in question. Who lives on site, is a certaa Bill Baker. This Bill Baker is the sane man who just happens to be a fomer Libour leader on the counci, a member of the planning comrttee, this year's sheriff, and next

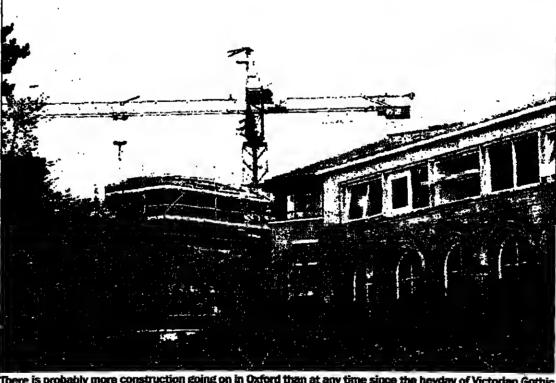
yar's lord mayor. Oxfore council properly has rules fabidding a member to take part in rebate wiere he ur she has an interest, But the Baker coincidence does ilustratethe dense network of comjeting idologies and vested interests that make it so hard to get anything done in this country.
Oxford, like Britain as a whole, dis-

likes change – but has to change rather fast just the same. The ques-tion for Oxford – and for Britain – is whether we can change fast enough, or whether we are so divided in our visions of the university, and the society, we want that we succumh to paralysis.
"Six Lane Threat to Heart of

City", said the splash headline in last week's Oxford Times. The story underneath revealed that the proposal was to build four new lanes of road for about a hundred yards across a piece of derelict land near the railway station, a mile from the "heart"

At a recent public meeting to discuss a proposal to build housing along the canal in North Oxford, a woman got up who elaimed to represent the Thomas Hardy Society. The new houses, she feared, would hide St Barnabas's church, a Victorian structure whose chief architectural interest is its interior mosaics. The Hardy connection is simply that Jude the Obscure lived near the church. And the only place where a Hardy lover's view of St Barnabas would be obscured by the planned housing would be if they were lying flat on their face in a marshy part of Port Meadow. Almost no argument against doing something is too absurd to be listened to.

And yet, as Galileo said under his breath, it does move - sometimes. There has probably been more building associated with the university



There is probably more construction going on in Oxford than at any time since the heyday of Victorian Gothic

than at any time since the heyday of Victorian Gothie a century ago. There are more than a dozen tower cranes at work in the city centre, where Magdalen, Merton, New Col-lege and half a dozen other colleges are at work on major extensions.

This activity, it is true, is largely motivated not by vision, but by fear. Colleges are afraid that the college fee, a supplement paid by the government to collegiate universities, will be abolished. Bursars have worked out that if they build high-quality accommodation and rent it to the students in term-time and then to business conferences in the vacations. they will get a higher return than they were getting on their gilt-edged

Most of the time, this new edifice complex provokes no more than subdued grumbling from town and gown alike. But now cometh Wafiq Said, and the grumbling has become for tissimo from both town and gown. The university's wish to build management studies into the structure of the university, instead of isolating them at Templeton outside the ring road, runs up against interests and ideologies of every kind.

Some dons do not approve of Mr Said and his business career. Even if there were grounds for criticism - and the university is confident that there are oot - the critics would seem to be on shaky ground. After all. criticism has been levelled at the business life of many recent donors, such as Cecil Rhodes and Antonin Besse, who endowed St Anthony's, not to speak of older benefactors such as Cardinal Wolsey. What is gentility, asked the 17th century antiquary John Selden, save ancient riches?

Another strand of criticism comes from those who disapprove of management studies, either in themselves or as inappropriate to a university whose glory has been in the arts. It is true that there are some who hlame Masters of Business Administration for all the follies of modern business culture. But surely the answer is to produce better management graduates - not to stop study-

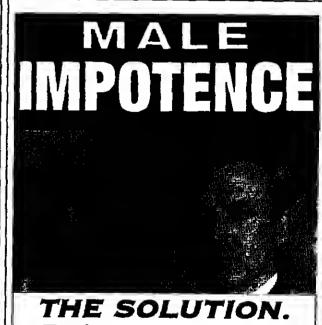
ing management at all. For many decades, in any case, Oxford has successfully expanded its reputation for research and teaching into first the hard sciences, then engineering, law, economics and medicine. This has done no obvious damage to its reputation in arts

A more understandable criticism comes from those in the university and they are many - who feel that money is desperately needed to improve their salaries and to invest in hadly needed improvement in the library system and information technology. Understandable, but hardly logical. To welcome a donation for one purpose makes it more, not less, likely that donors will come forward for other purposes. To rebuff or insult potential donors is to deserve poverty.

As a matter of deliberate policy, the Government has decided to increase the numbers of university students. which is good, while at the same time reducing the real level of resources given to universities to teach them, which is insane. This leaves the universities with little alternative but to find the resources they need wherever they honourably can, and get on with

the job they have to do.

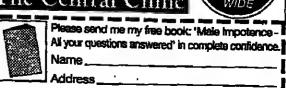
What is needed, in fact - in Oxford, as elsewhere in Britain - is an end to the paralysis induced by the deadlock of ideologies and the jungle of vested interests. What is needed, in a word, is a bias in favour of action.



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Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle

A lecture by Frank Whittle was a refreshing cocktail of techni-cal hrilliance, laced with bubbly humour and occasionally spiked with a quip or joke to avoid any sign of pomposity. For his lis-teners, aware that they were in the company of an eminent Englishman and one of the greatest engineers of all time, it was an unforgettable experience.

In today's fast-moving world most of us take the jet engine for granted, as it powers us to globe. It is easy to forget that by inventing and giving hirth to the turbojet, Whittle changed the lives of countless millions of people throughout the world. Few of us know that it was Whittle's engine that introduced America to the jet age, or that (after losing seven years failing to gain any support) he still gave Britaio a two- to three-year lead in jet technology immediately after the Second World War. However, many across the globe still identify him as the jet pioneer, and his name is in-delibly printed in the annals of aviauoo history and technology. The former prime minister Margaret Thatcher wrote: "His tife and work are an object lesson on the creativity and inspi-

the great gift of original thought Frank Whittle had to strug-gle to realise his objectives. He was one of a minority of great inventors to be reared in a working-class background, haunted by the shadow of pover-ty, as he said, "a street urchin on six days a week and carefully

ration of British engineering at

its best. He has always retained

dressed little boy on Sunday". An early fascination for aeroplanes and interest in the sciences, including science fiction, made him determined to become an RAF pilot. From the age of 10 he learnt to use machine tools, and the implements of the draughtsman's trade in his father's workshop. He then won a scholarship to Learnington College, which led to his joining the RAF as a boy apprentice at the age of I6.

After three years of harsh dis-cipline and first-class training as a fitter, 364365 Apprentice Whittle, F. was one of five boy entrants ont of 600 to win a cadetship, and his dream of becoming a pilot was within his grasp. The two years 1926 to 1928 were formative. Whittle was physically small, disliked team games, pursued the cult of the individual; he was hardly the sort of chap who would appeal to the more flamboyant and team-spirited ex-public-school fraternity. Although apprencertain advantages, particularly in the workshops, the social gap was wide.

However, the first flower of his genius was to hlossom at RAF Cranwell, where he had become more and more en-

grossed in science and was at his best in physics, mathematics and the theory of flight. At the age of 21, in 1928, he wrote a thesis entitled "Future Developments in Aircraft Design". He envisaged speeds of over 500mph in the stratosphere, at heights where the air density was less than one-quarter of its sea-level value (he had covered the properties of the atmosphere in an earlier thesis). He was awarded full marks by Proalmost every corner of the fessor Sinnatt, who said, "I couldn't quite follow everything you have written, Whittle. But I can't find anything wrong with it." This thesis was to change the course of his life and sowed the seed of a revolution m aviation.

At that time, his ideas were considered by many to be in the realms of fantasy, or science fiction. The maximum speed of front-line fighters then was rather less than 150mph, and they had a service ceiling of only 20,000ft. But this was no dream on Whittle's part. His calculations had proved it possible.

The pursuit of excellence in everything he tackled became Whittle's hallmark. And so it was with his flying. He was assessed as "Exceptional to Above Average". For a short phase in his life being a fighter pilot was his forte, and he gave full rein to the "dare-devil" spirit within him. He had become an officer and a geotleman, elated by his pilot's wings; he had fallen in love with Dorothy Lee from an affluent middle-class family.

However, his proposed engine was never far from his thoughts. Nineteen thirty proved a dramatic year for him. On 16 January he filed the Provisional Specification for his turbojet, and on 24 May he married Dorothy Lee in Coventry. On 24 June he participated in the Hendon Air Display, performing his crazy flying routine, and proved finally that he could do better than the vast majority of his public-school contemporaries, both in the air

and on the ground.

The RAF, to its credit, had realised that Whittle was a budding mathematical genius and. after he had completed the officers' engineering course at Henlow, sent him to Cambridge



The father of the jet age: Whittie in his office in 1948, in the foreground is a model of his Gloster Meteor I

Photograph: Hulton Getty

University. There he worked around the clock, primarily engrossed in his engine project, and endeavouring to keep pace with his studies. By 1935, he had gathered three accomplices: W.E.P. Johnson, R. Dudley-Williams, and J.C.B. Tinling. These three RAF pilots became partners, and made an invaluable contribution to his project.

By 1936 Whittle's turbojet patent had lapsed, and he had almost given up the idea of ever seeing a turbojet constructed. The breakthrough came when O.T. Falk, a small firm of investment bankers headed by Oswald Falk, a friend and colleague of Maynard Keynes, asked M.L. Bramson to pronounce on the validity of the idea. Falk advanced a small sum, enabling Whittle to form a company and design an actual engine.

Britain's first jet aircraft: the Gloster/Whittle E.28/39, which had its malden flight in May 1941.

Thus 1936 was a year of op-portunity. Whittle had graduated with First Class honours in the Mechanical Sciences Tripos, and was granted a postgraduate year. During this period of intense activity, Power Jets Ltd was formed and arrangements made to build the WU (Whittle Unit) engine. Whittle's contribution to date had been to explore the association of jet propulsion and the gas turbine. Historically the gas turbine had been regarded, like other RAF might well have been equipped with jet fighters before turbines, as a machine for supplying shaft power. Whittle recognised it as the ideal means of the Battle of Britain.

The Air Ministry allowed him to act as Honorary Chief Engineer and Technical Consultant to Power Jets for five years, on the basis that it was to be "a very spare-time job". British Thomson-Houston accepted a contract on a cost-plus basis, having rejected his pro-posals five years previously. Short of capital and having to travel the country in his quest for new materials able to withstand the high temperatures involved, Whittle and his team hegan building the tursign work he was involved in fighting battles on all fronts, not least with civil servants whose attitude remained cynical and uncompromising.
On LZ April 1937, at the age

providing jet propulsion for

of 29, Whittle experienced the America had more jet aircraft was fast becoming a highway for

supreme moment of his life. Absorbed in the fantastic excitement of new discovery, smelling the kerosene, and hearing the thunderous roar of the engine he had created, he had achieved the first run of a turbojet. But further development work was required. Lacking finance and official recognition in high places, Whittle's triumph ended in a battle for survival. Had he received his due official backing when he had been granted his patent in 1931, the

Aero-engine manufacturers had enormous vested interests in pistun-engine power to pro-tect. They did not want to scrap everything that they had worked for, or to start learning a new technology. They saw the tur-bojet as a potential rival to their cherished engines, and followed the prevailing helief that gas turhines did not work. It was not until 1939 that Whittle received Air Ministry production con-tracts for the W.1 flight engine, and the Gloster/Whitele E.28/39 aircraft - Britain's first jet.

The E.28/39 made its maiden flight oo 15 May 1941, by companies were anxious to become involved and so were the United States, via General on all fronts, and Britain need-"Hap" Arnold. Within six ed prestige in America. Lendmonths Whittle engines were Lease agreements were being being made in the US, and soon negotiated and the Atlantic

than existed in Britain. At home, plans had been formulated for the production of the Meteor, Britain's first jet fighter. This had been Whittle's

Leslie Cheshire of BTH, who worked with him, said,

The thing that I most remember about Frank Whittle was his total absorption in what he was doing - a total concentration which impinged lotal concentration which impinged itself on the atmosphere surrounding him. It was very hard for anybody to evaluate him, because he was a many-sided person who had a charming naïvete. He trusted people, and believed that everybody was motivated by common good.

In May 1942 he was sent to the US to do whatever he could to help the Americans with their own development of his engine. Whittle was impressed by the vitality and breadth of vision incorporated in the American system, once his project had been accepted. It made him feel good, and it showed more than ever what might have been achieved if he himself had had such backing when he ran his first turbojet in April 1937.

But his visit proved invaluable other respects. He proved to the Americans, at the highest level, that Britain was in the gy. The timing was perfect because the war was going hadly

the interchange of British and US Army Air Forces personnel. Apart from introducing America to the jet age, Whittle's vis-it proved of major significance in uplifting British technology. and promoting understanding

between the two countries. But years of tension and strain had taken their toll, and Whittle was suffering bouts of illness which were to recur over a long period. In spite of this he relentlessly carried on his work. determined to give the RAF a jet fighter. It was he who had created and given birth to the turbojet, and he was well aware that he was the key figure in its development as a weapon of war. This required not only his genius, but his driving force and singleness of purpose, which set him apart from lesser mor-tals, and enabled him to overcome political and bureaucratic frustrations.

That the Ministry of Aircraft Production did not take the pressure off him and give him full support to allow him to get on with the joh is well docu-mented and part of history. By the time his technological victory was complete, control of development passed into other hands. When Rolls-Royce came on the scene in 1943, Whittle's vital invention at last took off in Britain. The late Sir Stanley Hooker (formerly of Rolls-Royce who took over engine development) said of him:

Whithe had an univalled grasp of the fundamentals of thermodynamics and aerodynamics, and he never did anything notil he had given it the deepest and most logical consideration. As I came to understand his work, I realised that he had laid down the performance of jet engines with the precision of Newton, a feat whose magnitude he never appeared to appreciate.

For the preceding 30 years the performance of piston engines in light was known only to a very rough approximation based on inaccurate empirical formulae, yet Whirtle predicted what a jet engine would do before he had ever made one. His formulae are still used unchanged. They are of such precision that it is Whittle had an unrivalled grasp of the

They are of such precision that it is more accurate to calculate the performance of jet engines, including the most modern fan engines, than it is to attempt to measure it either in flight or in the astronomically costly test plants, which attempt to sun-niate flight conditions on the ground. And this is true from take-off to the speed of Concorde, and beyond.

Invalided out of the RAF as an Air Commodore in 1948, Whittle received an award of £100,000, on the recommendation of the Royal Commission. A few days later he was created KBE in the Birthday Honours List, and invested with his knighthood by King George VI in July 1948. He said: "As the King touched me on each word. I became the first Old Cranwellian to receive the bonour of knightbood. The satisfaction which this gave me was overshadowed by my regret that I was leaving the Service in which I and which had given mathe training which made postike

the jet engine." The suddest time for hijway to see the break-up of himoneer team, "One consequent." he said. "was the cancellath of important projects, notal the LR.1 which should have een the world's first turbofan, was half complete when steped. And then the power pla for the M.52 [the Miles supsonic aircraft] went down therain also nearing completid

But Whittle never paven, In the 1950s he planned Configure liner operations for BOL, in the 1960s he develope the radical Turbodrill for dling through the earth's crit as Technical Advisor to listol Siddeley Engines (later olls-Royce). Emigrating to the US in 1976 he married his cond wife, Hazel Hall, and beene a Research Professor at th US Naval Academy, Annapis, in Maryland, Throughout, lectured across the globe at was sought after by leading action companies for advice ancon-sultation, applying his eathematical genius to ture developments in supernic aviation.
The RAF had been Wille's

mentor since he hecae a young boy apprentice. Hwas a product of the Servic retaining the style and hukur characterising an RAF over. That as a young engineeril officer he revolutionised a cat traditional industry is a meure of his genius. The fantastificvelopment in civil and milary aviation during post-war ars rates still higher the magnide of his continuing contribuin to technological progress.

When Power Jets was ntionalised, hecoming to National Gas Turbine Eshlishment, Whittle surrended all his shares and rights, statig: "My belief is that a serving ficer should not be in a posith to henefit from his emple ment in any commercial sens Thus, his financial recomper for inventing the jet engi rested with those responsible making awards. Therein l not only his total sense of di to the Service he loved. his resolution, and high mel

Frank Whittle, air force offer and engineer: born Covent 1 June 1907; RAF Special hay List, attached to Power Jessta 1937-46; CBE 1944, KBE 1\S: Technical Adviser to Contrer of Supplies (Air), Ministry of tp-ply 1946-48; CB 1947; RS 1947; Honorary Technical dviser, jet Aircraft. BO. 42: consultant, Bristol Sidder Engines/Rolls-Royce 19610; RDI 1985; OM 1986; macd 1930 Dorothy Lee (two sis; marriage dissolved 1976), 76 Hazel Hall; died Columa, had served since the age of 16, Maryland 9 August 1996.

The Rev Lawrence Jenco

Father Lawrence Jenco endured over 18 mooths of cap-tivity at the hands of radical Shia Muslims in Lebanon from 8 January 1985 until 26 July 1986. He was captured on his way to the doctor, just a few months after arriving in Beirut to take up his new position there as Director of Catholic Relief

Jenco's ministry as a Catholic priest was driven by his love of the poor and his sense of social care for others. That is what led him to Beirut, then in a state of war, to minister to the worst afflicted - many of whom were themselves Shias.

He had heen ordained a member of the Servite order in 1959, after studying for the

priesthood at Mount Carmel College in Canada, the St Joseph Seminary in St Charles,

Illinois and in Rome. For the next 25 years he worked with the poor and the mentally and physically handi-capped, and from 1981 travelled ahroad in the employ of the Catholic Relief Services, first in North Yemen (for two years), then in Thailand (1983-84), and for a year in India before taking up his post in Beirut.

Foreigners were particularly at risk of kidnapping by Mus-lim factions in Beirut in the mid-1980s (Jenco was the 10th of some 71). Nonetheless Jenco helieved that he was not the person the Shias wanted to take hostage, rather that he

Mistake or not, he was held against his will for more than a year and a half, the first six months in solitary confinement, naked and chained to the wall of a tiny cell in southern Beirut. After this he began to be moved from hideout to hideout in a oumber of gruelling journeys. It was at this stage that he was placed in the same room with the Associated Press correspondent, Terry Anderson, the longest-held of all the American hostages, who had been tak-

was mistaken for someone else.

Though baptised a Roman Catholic as a child, Anderson had little use for religion as an adult. He attributes his adult

en captive two months after

conversion to the Catholic faith to his fellow hostage, Lawrence Jenco. Anderson dedicated a piece of his poetry in his book Den of Lions (1993) to Jenco. Upon learning of his death, Andersoo said of him, "He added more to my life than any other

At various times Jenco also shared a cell with two other American hostages. David Jacobsen, a bospital administrator, and Thomas Sutherland, a university dean.

It was his great faith in God, rooted in the Christian scriptures, that allowed Jenco to develop a practical spiritual strategy almost unheard of in this modern world. This was demonstrated by a story he

though he did not know it at the time, turned out to be on the day before his release from captivity. His young Shia guard entered his room. Jenco pulled down the blindfold over his eyes. Until then he had always been addressed as "Jenco" by his guards. That day his guard said, "Dear father, can you ever for give me?" In reply Jen-co said, "Sayid, do you re-member those early days [of captivity]?" (He described them as very violent and fearful days.) "Yes, 1 do," replied the guard. "I hated you," continued Jenco, "I must ask for your forgiveness." Chained and blind-folded, the American hostage seeking forgiveness for hating

his guard is not a common occurrence. After eating his last hostage

meal, he read from the Scriptures and wrote this prayer. "God, give me a new heart and a new spirit. You have asked me to love unconditionally. May I forgive as you have asked me to forgive, unconditionally. Then you will be my God and I will be your son." He called the book he wrote about his captivity Bound to Forgive - the pilgrimage to reconciliation of a Beirut hostage (1995). Unlike many of his former, fellow hostages, Jenco wanted someday to return to Lebanon to visit the Shias who held him captive for 594 days.

. After his release, Jenco ac-

cepted the position as Campus Minister at the University of Southern California (in Los Angeles). Immediately before his death he was an Associate Pastor at St Domitilla Church in a suburh of Chicago, Illinois.

When it was determined this past winter that he had cancer, Lawrence Jenco said, "1 always thought that God had a cross for me to carry, and I never thought the cross was being a hostage. Now I think I know what that cross is - to learn how to die." And, as he did with so many experiences throughout his life, he not only was a learn-er, but a great teacher. For those who knew him during these past seven months, he taught by courageous example how to



die in peace and with

Lawrence Martin Jenco, est: born Joliet, Illinois 27 Noveber

1934; ordained priest 1959 jed

Births, Marriages & Deaths

STLLS: On 24 July to Carole (nee Lowe) and Richard, twin girls, Saskia Frances and Imogen Elizabeth, Sis-

STOGDON: On 7 August, to Caroline (nee Bundy) and Nicholas, a son, Samuel Putnam, WHEEN: To Julia Thorogood and

Francis Wheen, on 5 August 1996, at home, in rural style, Archie Francis Riversdale, a brother for Jack, Frank, George Anna and Bertie. With thanks galore to our next-door neighbour, Gill Davies.

DEATHS

LESLIE: Margery Leslie OBE (nee Betts). formerly Principal of the Richmond Adults College, wife of Professor R.F. Leslie for 54 years, died at the John Radcliffe Hospital. Oxford on a August 1996. The funeral service will be at St Mary's Church, Charlbury, Oxon, on Thesday I.3 Au-gust at 1.2 noon, Donations to Nine Acres Recreation Ground Charlbury c/o R.F. Leslie, Market House, Church Street, Charlbury OX7 3PP.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr L J. Purcell and Miss S. C. Lorraine

The engagement is announced be-tween Sarah Claire Lorraine, daughter of Mrs Robert Ayres, of Stewkley, Buckinghamshire, and Ian James Purcell, elder son of Mr and Mrs Terence Purcell, of Loughton, Buck-

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr John Alldis, conductor, 67; Dame Gillian Brown, former diplomat, 73; Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss, a Lord Justice of Ap-peal, 63: Sir Lawrence Byford, management consultant, 71; Mrs Lella Campbell, former chairman, ILEA, 85; General Sir George Cooper, former Chief Royal Engineer, 71; Mr Eddie Fisher, singet, 68; Miss Rhonda Fleming, actress, 73; Professor Alexander Goehr, composer, 64; Sir Alan Hardcastle, former head of Government Accountancy Service, 63, Professor Adrian Harris, clinical oncologist, 46; Mr Leonard Lickor-ish, former Director-General, British Travel Association, 75; Mrs Barbara Mills QC. Director of Public Prosecutions, 56; Miss Kate O'Mara, actress, 57; Mr David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, 63; Lord Stewarthy, former government minister. 61; Mr Richard Unsworth, novelist, 66; Mr Richard Wells, Chief Constable, South Yorkshire, 50; Miss Jane

Don Boyd, film director, 48; Sir Ge-offrey Cass, Chairman, Royal Shake-speare Company, 64; Miss Arlene Dahl, actress, 72; Mr Kenneth East-ham MP, 69; Mr James Eaton, Lord-Lieutenant, County Borough of Londonderry, 69; Professor John 70; Dame Jean Lancaster, former director, WRNS, 87; Mr Raymond Leppard, conductor, 69; Miss Anna Massey, actress, 59; Admiral Sir Ju-lian Oswald, former First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, 65; Miss Jean Parker, actress, 84; Sir Michael Quinlan, director, Ditchley Foun-dation, 66; Dame Angela Rumbold

MP, joint deputy chairman of the

Taaffe, racchorse trainer, 63; The Right Rev James Thompson, Bish-op of Bath and Wells, 60; Lord Var-

former government minister

aservative Party, 64; Mr Thomas

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TOMORROW: Sir Bernard Ashley, hon life president, Laura Ashley, 70; Sir Richard Barratt, former Chief In-spector of Constabulary, 68; Mr Mystery, strangeness and life on Mars In terms of modern myth, you could hardly improve oo the news that a meteorite found in Antarctica has been found to contain traces of Martian bacteria. For anyone who grew up after about 1940, this is a prophecy fulfilled. We can feel something of the same sense of the essential rightness of the universe as

must have filled the Jehovah's Witnesses waiting for the apocalypse in the silly season of August 1914. Our pleasure, like theirs, is rendered all the more delicious by the vagueness of both prophecy and fulfilment. Whatever we expected the Martians to be, it was something more than a trace of chemicals inside in a rock. There is a wonderful inscrutability, a proper alienness, about such a sign from the universe. It may not make us alone, but it gives us no grounds to suppose that whatever may share the universe with us will turn out to be even comprehensible, let alone

This may seem to be something which increases the amount of mystery in the universe. But in one sense it will be understood by atheists to decrease the mystery of life. If life emerged on Mars, it will have done so by evolution from non-life. Life, to this extent, is of a giant turtle, and a lot less like

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Andrew Brown questions what the discovery of a Martian meteorite will teach us about the nature of the universe. Does it increase the credibility of Christianity?

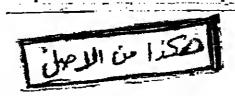
special explanation. It is just something that happens according to the rules of a universe like ours, as gravity is, or elec-tricity; and we don't think of those as mysteries. Perhaps we should: if I am honest, I am still puzzled that Australians don't fall off. I can understand it, and accept as true that they don't, hut I can't visualise it. Still, the mystery drains away once the mysterious seems predictable. There is no very good reason for this vanishing act: a universe whose behaviour is predictable according to mathematical formulae is quite as odd as one carried on the back robbed of its magic, and its need for a anything we can easily imagine.

demptive agony? There cannot he a good measure of improbability for what is, by definition, the only universe we've got. We can talk about how different the universe of observation turns out to be from the universe of common sense; but it is very difficult to argue that one or the other is more natural or more probable. This is a razor that cuts both ways. Christians who accept the scandal of particularity have no business arguing from the anthropic principle that a universe with life in it is so unlikely as to demand a maker.

On balance, I think, the Martian meteorite will diminish, perhaps unreasonably, the credibility of Christianity. This is not because the central Christian doctrines cannot be easily adopted to make room for it: they can. But there are questions of identity involved. The Christian universe in which other planets are seeded with life - some of it presumably intelligent and in need of redemption - is very different from the universe of most of Christian history. It may not be different in its essentials, but it is different in its emotional colouring. The strain will come because many

Is an unmade, unfeeling universe odder or less credible than one which was made to pivot around an act of regreat cathedrals - becomes a masty p-litical dispute. The ancient and model forms of Christianity have to coexist, at both tend to be weakened by their stru gle. Fundamentalism has not hated the world half as much as it has lated li eral Christianity; and this feeling more than reciprocated by the liberal For at least the last 50 years, fund

mentalism has seemed to be gaining strength, and liberal religion dying.
may be that this is purely a matter of sociology. But if there is a doctrinal rea son for the popularity of conservative religion then it is surely that it has prej served a sense of mystery and strange ness better than liberal mainstream Christianity has. It's easy and almost always right to mock demands or 'excitement" or "relevance" from evangelicals. But their instruct for exclement is surely right. The promise of ribrant religion, just as of real science is that common sense is wrong about almost everything that matters - and that the earth may turn out to contain frozen - perhaps most - of the Christians in threads of evidence for life on viars.



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British Gas clashes with Ofgas over competition

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Another row is brewing between British Gas and the industry regulator, this time over moves to bring forward the introduction of the next stage of domestic competition, due to start in April 1997.

Ofgas is pushing to speed up the second phase in the development of the residential gas market, which would extend competition to 1.5 million homes across the south of England, to a new date in January. Ofgas hopes to publish a

consultation paper on the pro-posals at the end of this month, delayed heyond next week. but has already held talks with TransCo, the British Gas pipeline business.

The move is believed to be



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popular with government min-isters, who hope to provide crucial voters in the South with cheaper gas hills.

But TransCo wants to spread the process over several months. Instead of an initial "big ru, us preferred option is to introduce competition over a six-month period, taking each postcode area at a time. A spokesman said: "We see the value of some form of phasing over the first half of the year. We are concerned at what might be an over-hasty approach that could put customers off."

The Gas Consumers Council also prefers a step-by-step approach to competition, but such a move would mean many homes would not have the chance of cheaper hills from rival suppliers to British Gas before the general election, which must take place by next May.

The latest dispute comes as British Gas waits for Ofgas to reveal its contentious final price controls for the pipeline business. The company has camproposals. which would cut with Transco in court.

TransCo's revenues next year by between 20 and 28 per cent, reducing average bills by around £30 a year. British Gas said it would have to cut 10,000 jobs to fund the cuts, which it has de-scribed as the "the biggest smash and grab raid in history."
The head of Ofgas, Clare

Spottiswoode, returns from holiday on Monday to face a meet-ing with British Gas as the company makes one final attempt to get ber to water down the proposals. Publication of the final formula has already been delayed until "mid-August", though one industry source suggested they could be

To prepare for domestic competition, TransCo has developed one of the world's largest computer databases to track customers as they leave British Gas Trading, the gas sup-ply arm of British Gas, for rival suppliers. In the first phase, which began in May with 500,000 customers in Devon and Cornwall, around 12 per cent of households switched from British Gas.

However, several problems occurred, including some ex-British customers having hundreds of pounds accidentally debited from their bank accounts when they moved from the company.

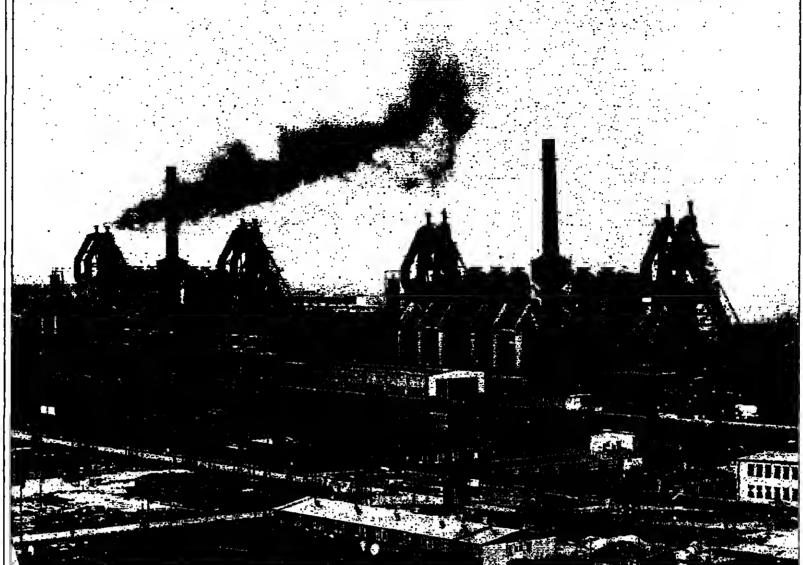
The next stage, to extend competition to the whole of the south apart from Greater London, was originally due to take place next April, with the rest of the country included in April 1998. However, Ofgas said yes-terday: "The inclination is now to do something earlier in the year." The most likely new date

would be 27 January. Several independent suppliers have said they are keen to start supplying gas in the region sooner. One company, Total Gas, has already begun marketing in Kent and Bristol.

Meanwhile another arguhetween TransCo and inde pendent gas suppliers over the ent firms use the pipeline in-

frastructure. Suppliers must match the amount of gas they put in the system with the amount of gas used by customers. From next month these forecasts must balance daily, rather than monthly, or the firms could face severe financial penalties.

British Gas's rivals have complained that information from metering systems, which comes via TransCo, is not accurate enough to forecast daily demand. Ofgas said it would announce proposals on the issuc on Monday. But yesterday one independent supplier said if the problems were not sorted out before September, it may paigned ceaselessly against the have to challenge its contracts German steel scandal: Executives granted £1m bail after police swoop in Düsseldorf



Under a cloud: Thyssen arrests have been linked to the purchase of steel mills in the former East Germany

NIC CICUTTI and ELIZABETH KLEIN

The chairman of Thyssen. Dieter Vogel, and nine other

senior executives at the German steel giant have been arrested in a series of police raids linked to £30m fraud over an east German metals trading company.

Detectives searched the

homes of several of the arrested men, including Mr Vogel, together with Thyssen's head of-fice in Düsseldorf, for evidence linked to the alleged fraud. Other offices throughout Ger-many were sealed by police of-ficers and will be searched later.

By late last night, nine of the arrested men, including Mr Vo-gel, had been released on bail of up to £1m. Mr Vogel appeared briefly before a court in Düsseldorf, where charges were

Shares in Thyssen fell by more than 2 per cent to DM262.2 on the Frankfurt exchange on news of the arrests.

10 Thyssen bosses held over £30m metals fraud

eastern German metals company bought by Thyssen after German reunification in 1990.

Prosecutors allege both that

managers at Thyssen took DM37.8m (£15m) from Metal-lurgiebandel when it was sold and that a further DM32.2m of damages was caused by manipulating the company's

Among the other arrests are former Thyssen chairman Heinrich Kersten, and directors rich Gruber.

Berlin prosecutors have been investigating whether Thyssen defrauded the Treuhand pri-

They follow an investigation vatisation agency in charge of into Metallurgiehandel, an privatising eastern German enterprises.

A separate investigation was launched in 1993 and shelved after Thyssen paid compensa-tion worth £35m to Treuhand. Analysts yesterday said the ar-rests were a fall-out from the kind of free-wheeling deal typ-ical in the heady days just after German reunification in 1990.

The case is similar to that of Bremer Vulkan, the higgest German shipbuilder. Bremer Vulkan sank after allegedly covering. operations by siphoning off public subsidies earmarked to refurbish its eastern German wharves.

The giant steel-maker said in a statement: "The action of the state prosecutor is incomprehensible. There have been no new facts or evidence since the case was suspended in October

The company said the arrests had allegedly been made to en-sure the managers concerned could not flee the country: "But the fact that most of those concerned interrupted their holidays to make themselves available for questioning means that the fears are absurd." fight the charges with all legal means at its disposal.

backed by Treuhand, which it al-

legedly defrauded. A spokes-man said: "The case is effec-

tively closed for us." In 1990, as the Treuhand strove to maintain jobs while selling off state-run enterprises in the formerly communist east, it acted hastily to strike deals with buyers in the inter-est of protecting jobs. Treuhand contacted Thyssen

n December 1990 to break up Metallurgiehandel, the eastern German state monopoly that controlled foreign trade of netal products.

Like shiphuilder Bremer Vulkan, but on a much smaller scale, Thyssen may have gone too far in trying to squeeze the best deal out of its acquisition of Metallurgiehandel.

"Everybody was trying to shelter themselves from losses," said Olaf Toelke, an analyst at

"They paid little for companies, sometimes only a token The company was indirectly price of one mark, but they

Gehe re-enters battle for Lloyds

NIC CICUTTI and ELIZABETH KLEIN

The long-running hattle for control of Lloyds Chemists took a new twist yesterday when Gehe, the German pharmaceutical giant that originally hid £650m for the British cumpany, said it was still interested in taking it over - albeit at a

lower price. Gehc cited the profits warning by Lloyds last month as the main reason for a possibly re-

duced offer. Kart-Gerhard Eick. chief financial officer at Gehe, sud yesterday: "The question at this moment must be whether Lloyds is still worth the price we offered in February. We are assessing with great concern what

the profit warning means to us.
Since our last offer, Lloyds'
results went down by nearly 20 per cent. This surely influences the value of the company." His comments followed the

insistence by Ian Lang, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, that for a bid by either Gehe or UniChem, its UK rival, to succeed, either purchaser would have to divest itself of the Lloyds wholesale business by 18 October.

Both the Gene and UniChem hids for Lloyds have already been referred back to either the Office of Fair Trading or the Monopolies and Mergers Com-

Mr Eick said; "We can only make a renewed bul for the company if we meet the conditions of the OFT, which means if we can present them buyers by 18 October for seven Lloyds Chemists warehouses, to meet competition concerns.

"We will try to reach agree-ment with the OFT as soon as: possible. There are plenty of potential buyers for the warcbouses, mainly British. If we reach agreement with the OFI before the October deadline we might make a renewed bid before that date." .

Gehe's latest re-entry into the takeover hattle for Lloyds represents another round in a battle that began in February this year.

Omchem in £548m agreed hid for Lloyds in a deal that would have catapulted the merged organisation ahead of Boots and into top place as the largest chemists chain in the UK, with 1,300 branches and a 35 per cent market share.

The offer would have seen Lloyds directors enjoy humper payoffs worth more than £4m as a series of cash bids by Gehe eventually reached £650m, compared with a similar caskand-shares offer by UniChem.

However, the bidding war was in effect kicked into touch by the Department of Trade and Industry, which referred Uni-Chem's hid - mounted at an estimated cost of £20m - to the MMC. Gehe's bid, which the DTI said raised competitive concerns, was passed to the Enropean Commission, which has referred it back to the OFT.

Somerfield shares show early sparkle

NIGEL COPE

Shares in Somerfield, the supermarket group, rose to a 14p premium on their first day of dealings yesterday though some of the company's original debt bolders expressed displeasure over the handling of the flotation.

The shares, which were priced at 145p, shot to 162p in beavy early trading before settling down to close at 159p. There were trades as high as 165p, a

full 20p above the issue price. "It's about where we thought it would be hut I still think it will go to around 180p in the medium term," one analyst said.

Some of the debt holders in the original Isosceles parent company said they were unimpressed with the flotation which saw two price cuts and a last-ditch attempt by the advisers Kleinwort Benson to sell Somerfield, Britain's fifth higgest food retailer, to rival supermarket groups last week.

"We're nor very happy and I think it was mishandled," one of the former debt holders said.

bank, for selling the business too tive: "I'm absolutely delighted that Somerfield is an independent company and we can get on "But having said that, the senior debt holders signed an agreement earlier this year agreeing to a minimum they would accept from the flotation. The proceeds

cover that minimum. Another debt holder said it was "displeased" with the flotation, but said it would not be filing any litigation against Kleinwort Benson, the German-owned investment

er said that any litigation might come from US investors such as the holders of junior debt and deep discount bonds who did not receive full repayment. However, the debt holder thought law suits were unlikely. "They all played the game and most of them have made some money trading the debt along the way." Somerfield's chief executive,

David Simons, was more posi-

dent company and we can get on

with expanding the business." He refused to comment on Kleinwort Benson's handling of the issue, which was the largest non-privatisation flotation of Somerfield blamed weak

stock market conditions and a profits warning from Iceland, its rival food retailer, for cutting the offer price twice in the run-up to the flotation.

Names claim support of US action group

JOHN WILLCOCK

action group, which has overestimation since official launched a last-ditch legal documents issued ahead of the challenge to the insurance market's recovery plan, yesterday claimed to have won the

American Names' Association some time. (ANA) has advised its members to support PNAG in applying for a judicial review of Lloyd's reconstruction and renewal

PNAG has said it has about 3,000 members, hut industry A Lloyd's uf London investor sources reckon this may be an review indicated it had

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"I am very pleased to bave support in our efforts to redress the balance of fairness in Lloyd's current R&R offer," said the PNAG chairman, Tony Welford, who has led this latest legal challenge.

The case is due to be heard in the High Court on Monday and comes as the 33,500 Names at Lloyd's decide whether to support the plan and pay final bills to reinsure billions of pounds of liabilities into a new company Equitas.

PNAG believes the recovery

plan is unfair to names who have continued to meet cash calls from Lloyd's and trade on in the market after 1992 - the cut-off for reinsurance into Equitas.

chairman, has written to names. in a letter dated 8 August, reiterating his "regret" that PNAG has proceeded to apply

for a judicial review.

He repeated that Lloyd's could not improve further on a £3.2bn settlement offer to names. Lloyd's plans to send further details to names on Monday. They will receive a breakdown of bow personal stop loss policies have affected their final hills and learn the size of

David Rowland, the Lloyd's in backing business underwritten at the market.

The Association of Lloyd's Members plans to release on Monday a report from solicitors Wilde Sapte, expected to back key elements of the recovery plan including Equitas. Rebel names are furious that,

having shouldered years of losses due to asbestos claims and the like, they will be left out in the cold by the settlement. Names have until 28 August to accept or reject the settle-

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David Rowland: Expressed regret at names' litigation

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Franc sinks on **EMU** fears

JOHN WILLCOCK

The French franc came under renewed pressure yesterday as rumours flew around dealing desks that France would fail to meet the criteria for European monetary union on time.

Institutions switched assets into mark bonds, which are seen as a safe haven in times of uncertainty, particularly when EMU looks vulnerable. Large foreign sell orders

forced the franc to a new fourmonth low of 3.4180 against the mark yesterday. Anti-franc sentiment was fanned by a number of rumours - that the French Prime Minister Alam Juppe might resign; and that the Governor the Banque de France, Jean-Claude Trichet, might be investigated over a past banking scandal.

There was intense speculation in Paris that a government move to prosecute former hosses of state-owned hank Crédit Lyonnais might tar Mr Trichet.

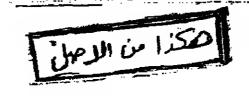
Finance Minister Jean Arthuis said on Thursday he was seeking the prosecution of former bosses at Crédit Lyonnais on the basis of fresh information on losses which drove the state-owned bank to the brink

This comes on top of a nationwide debate on whether France should stick to attaining the Maastricht criteria for EMU by 1999, or cut interest rates and go for growth.

Single currency aspirants must hold their hudget deficts at or below 3 per cent of gross domestic product to qualify for a European monetary union on time on 1 January 1999. Mcrabers are to be selected in early 1998 on the hasis of 1997 data. On the political front, as director of the Treasury when Credit Lyonnais made some of

the largest losses in French corporate history, Mr Trichet was in charge of supervising state-owned banks. He says he was the first tu alert the gov-ernment to the problems, calling for an investigation in a letter in October 1991. Never the less, French newspapers saw the prosecution call partly as an attempt by President Jacques Chirac to destahilise or humble Mr Trichet,

whose caution in cutting interest rates was criticised by the President last month. Conservative government supporters want to stimulate a stagnant economy in time for 1998 parliamentary elections and blame Mr Trichet sorthodoxy for record unemployment.



A monstrous brewing deal we will all regret

JEREMY WARNER

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that between Scottish & Newcastle and Courage - there is every chance of the Government waiving it through with little more than a murmur of protest. The deal should have been announced yesterday hut, as has happened so often before in this long-mooted takeover, there was a last-minute hitch.

What is proposed is that Bass acquire Carlsberg-Tetley, itself the result of a merger in the early 1990s between the UK brewing interests of Allied Domecq and Carlsberg of Danmark For Carlsberg the deal with Denmark. For Carlsberg the deal with Allied proved nothing short of disastrous. Carlsberg-letley doesn't make any money, despite a relatively large share of the mar-ket. Bass offers Carlsberg the possibility of salvation – a minority stake in what would become Britain largest because an activity become Britain's largest brewing operation by far, and a highly profitable one at that Allied, too, needs to get shot of this albatross. If they were honest about it, the other hig players might welcome the deal as well for it offers the prospect of brewery closures. less competition, firmer beer prices and a period of upheaval at Bass in which to win market share.

For the rest of us, however, and for the legion of small brewers which these islands thankfully still supports, this deal is a bad thing and should be fought. Bass is already

Another monstrous brewing merger is about to be unveiled, and like the last one about 25 per cent of the market. Most of us about 25 per cent of the market. Most of us would think that already too large. With this deal, Bass would leapfrog S&N with about 30 per cent of the market to take something approaching 40 per cent. With 70 per cent of the market accounted for by just two players, and half of the rest by a third, Whitbread, the others are not going to stand a chance. Slowly, but surely, they will be squeezed out of business.

As I understand it, the case for the merge goes something like this. Carlsberg-Tetley loses money. A Bass takeover would be a less painful way of carrying out the necessary rationalisation. To leave it struggling on alone would merely be to sentence it to prolonged death by a thousand knives. Furthermore, since the Government has already allowed S&N to do something similar, it would be oppressive and discriminatory to stop Bass. Ian Lang, President of the Board of

Trade, might find some merit in these arguments, but I'm blowed if I can. The evidence is overwhelmingly that market concentration on this scale is bad for the consumer, bad for small competitors, bad for employment and bad for diversity. Since Australia allowed its six brewers to merge into two in the 1980s, beer prices have never looked south and consumer choice has suffered abominably. It is no accident that beer prices in Scotland.

where there is an effective duopoly, are so | the single European currency and expect to much higher than they are in the North of England and the Midlands. Carlsberg should be forced to resort to its fall-back plan - buying out Allied and trying to make a go out of this bombed out and deeply demoralised

Is the City on Target for the euro's launch?

For most people, the debate now raging over access to Europe's new "larget" system for interbank transactions in euros must seem about as relevant as a 10-bob note. Unless you are a reader of the of the Financial Times and the Economist, whose arcane columns have been banging on about this for some months, you would scarcely have noticed it at all. Yet among central bankers, better informed politicians, and forward thinking commercial hankers, it seems to

have become a matter of some importance.

At this stage, it is hard to tell whether these matters are actually going to mean much for London's foreign exchange markets or not. About the most that can be said with any certainty is that they might do. The issue has none the less assumed a symbolic significance, one that characterises the divide between those who are committed to be in it two years hence, and those like our-selves who are more than likely to be out.

Target - the acronym for Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer - promises to be more than just a settlement system for transactions in the new single currency. It is also the mechanism through which the European central bank will pursue monetary policy. Interest rates will, in part, be set through the liquidity that the central bank provides to facilitate large-scale interbank transactions in the euro.

This all sounds like deeply technical stuff, but the point at issue can be distilled into something relatively simple. The French and the Germans, who will form the core of the new currency union, believe that their own banks should get more favourable liquidity terms than those operating among the outs. Why, they say with some justification, should the outs get all the benefits of the euro while not having to abide by its disciplines?

There is a subtext here, of course, which oes beyond the nid debate over a two-speed Europe, Britain has the largest foreign exchange markets in the world. Frankfurt and Paris are both jealous and suspicious of this position at the same time. The idea that the main market in the euro could actually be in London, where the new currency won't even buy a pint of beer, is anathema to them. If frane and German mark.

they can disadvantage the Anglo-Saxon spec-

ulators of the City, so much the better.

I've no idea who is going to win this battle. The Bank of England is naturally in there batting for Britain at tortuous negotiations taking place under the auspices of the European Monetary Institute., But the wicket is a sticky one given Britain's ever more stand-offish position in Europe.

Does it really matter if the battle is lost? My own view is that it probably doesn't. Markets these days are global and the City is an ingenious and innovative player in these things. The idea that euro trading will grav-itate to Frankfurt and Paris simply because the European central bank offers them advantageous terms of access to Target doesn't strike me as a very credible one. If the European central bank discriminates, somehow or other the City will find a way

This is not to say that European monetary policy will be determined by Anglo-Saxon speculators, but one way or another they will continue to have their say. The London Investment Banking Association is surely right to warn of lack of preparation in the City for the advent of the euro. But I suspect the City will he just as capable of huld-ing its own in the new euro markets as it is now when it comes to trading in the French

Restructuring sets Unilever back £108m

JOHN WILLCOCK

Unilever took a £108m restructuring hit in the second quarter which included its acquisition of a US shampoo maker, and another £7m from falling meat sales due to the mad cow disease scare.

Despite disappointing results at the bottom of expectations the City kept faith with the Anglo-Dutch food giant's recent purchase of the US-based Helene Curtis shampoo group, and Unilever's shares closed at 1,243p, down just 6p.

European demand, and against this Unilever's overall sales growth of 8 per cent to £16.5bn was welcomed by analysts.

The pre-tax profit figure emerged 6 per cent lower than last time at £617m, at the bottom end of City forecasts, due to the slightly larger-than-expected restructuring charge.

Analysts also pooh-poohed the perennial rumours that Unilever might seek to liven up its growth rate by buying confectionery and soft drinks giant Cadbury Schweppes. The rumour was re-ignited by Cadbury's sale on Thursday of a US what offset by improved sales of business, but John Campbell of Paribas Capital Markets said Cadbury's market share was not big enough for Unilever's needs.

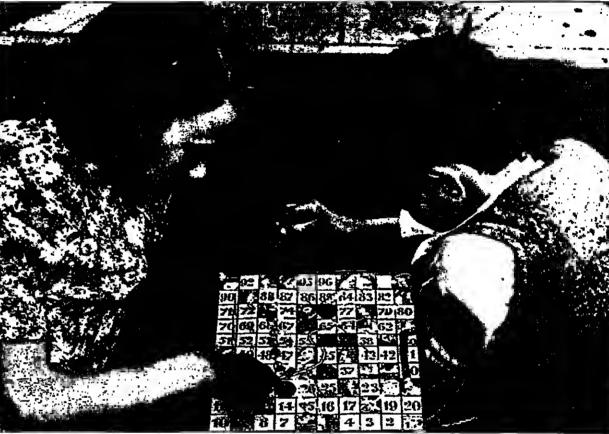
"In reality Cadbury is number three world-wide in soft drinks and number four in confectionery. Unilever wants a business in the number one or two spot, if it's going to compete with the likes of Nestlé and Phillip Morris."

The BSE scare had already Recent results from similar forced Unilever to write off groups such as Procter & Gam- £15m in the first quarter as sales hle have pointed up the near-zero growth in Continental other meat products dipped, other meat products dipped, particularly on the Continent. But the company had already started a strategic move away from meats towards sauces.

A Unilever spokesman said: "The continued effect of BSE is a little sad. We had a further £7m write-off in the second quarter which brings the total for the half-year to £21m. Con-sumer confidence is still heing unnerved by the continuing debate over the BSE issue."

remained difficult in both He said there had been some recovery in meats in the UK but France and Germany.

A throw of the dice lands makers of 'Snakes and Ladders' with new owner



Crown Products Group, the Aim-listed leisure group has expanded its interests in the supply of adventure playgrounds

to leisure centres and retailers with two more acquisitions, writes Nigel Cope. It has acquired Suakes and Ladders, which manages venture playground facilities, and Yorkshire Playgrounds which installs and runs themed leisure facilities. With the purchase of Snakes and Ladders, Crown says that it has se-

cured the services of its managing di-

rector, David Griffiths. Mr Griffiths was previously the chief executive of Wembley Stadium and the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Sports Centre, Hong Kong. The deal has been struck on an earnout basis which will be calculated as a maximum of twice profits before tax in

the third year. Crown said the acquisition of Yorkshire Playgrounds will also be paid by way of an earn-out calculation over one year. Crown is taking advantage of the

increasing number of leisure centres and retailers keen to offer a diversion to younger children. Crown came to the Alternative Investment Market last December after

acquiring a fine art stationery group. It is also distributing a range of arts and craft products based on Walt Disney characters. In June the company completed its fifth acquisition when it acquired RGM Originals, a greetings card specialist.

Cardcast in talks over merger

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Two of Britain's top suppliers of card payment and fraud prevention services, Card Clear and Cardcast, yesterday confirmed they are in merger talks aimed at expanding their combined services into Europe.

Both organisations hope to complete their talks within the next few months, with a merger based on a share-for-share offer by Card Clear for Cardcast. Graham Hooley, managing

director at Cardcast, said yes terday: "The directors of both companies believe these discussions, should they go ahead, will be in the best interests of all shareholders and customers."

The mercer bet organisations forms part of the continuing war, waged by banks and scores of other issuers, including stores and petrol companies, against card fraud, thought to cost hundreds of millions of pounds each year. Both Card Clear and Card-

cast operate on the basis of similar technology, whereby they receive details of stolen or lost cards from issuers and use technology to transmit this information to points of sale in which these cards are likely to be used. If a stolen card is used, the equipment supplied to the store or other point of sale will detect its use. The two compa-nies are almost unique in the UK the manner in which they

provide their services. Cardcast, which was first set up in 1990, achieved an Aim listing in April this year. The company, which employs 15 staff in Byficet, Kent, has a market capitalisation of more than £14m.

It has contracts with a range of companies, including Tesco, Asda, BP and Shell, covering some 22,000 points of sale in the

Card Clear, which listed on Aim last year, employs 12 staff in nearby Wentworth. Worth an estimated £20m, it made firsthalf profits of £204,000 on a

turnover of £904,000. The company has recently signed deals with Mobil and Argus and its systems cover some 3.000 points of sale. A Card Clear spokeswoman said that while expansion into Europe was an important aim, the ability for any organisation to covoperator with extensive UK | er more points of sale in the UK was also important.

IN BRIEF

• Boosey & Hawkes, the music group, has claimed victory in its legal dispute with Walt Disney over the copyright to Igor Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring. The company said a US court has found in its favour in the dispute, arising out of Disney's distri-bution of video cassettes and video discs of the Fantasia film, which includes music from The Rite of Spring. The court ruled in favour of B&H on the principal issue in the case, holding that distribution rights granted to Disney by Stravinsky at the time of making the motion picture Fantasia in 1939 did not include the right to distribute Fantasia videos, Boosey & Hawkes said. B&H acquired the rights to the music in 1947. B&H said it is taking advice as to how to proceed in claiming compensation.

 Producer prices in the US were unchanged in July, the Labor Department said. On a year-on-year basis, producer prices were up 2.6 per cent. The core rate, which excludes food and energy prices, was up 1.5 per cent year-on-year. For the first seven months of 1996 producer prices were up 1.9 per cent compared with a 1.2 per cent rise a year earlier.

• Glazo Wellcome said it had received approval from the US Food and Drugs Administration to market its Tritec tahlets in combination with clarithromycin for the treatment of active duodenal ulcers associated with Helicobacter pylori infection. Helicobacter pylori is a bacterium that is the main cause of peptic ulcers and has also been linked to gastric cancer. Tests using the two treatments in combination have shown that they achieve strong eradication rates with a low risk of ulcer re-occurrence. The FDA first recommended Tritee's US approval in December, 1995. Tritee has been marketed in Britain since September, 1995, and has been approved in other markets such as Italy and New Zealand.

• The all-German consumer price index rose by 0.3 per cent in July against the previous month and annual inflation edged up to 1.6 per cent, the Federal Statistics Office said. Year-on-year price growth picked up from June's 0.1 per cent monthly rise and annual 1.4 per cent increase, which was the smallest rise since statisticians began compiling pan-German data in January 1992, 15 months after unification. Strongest price increases were registered in the west for personal equipment and other goods, due to seasonal hikes for package lours and hotel accommodation.
Energy prices were also pushed up by an increase in the cost of

• London & Edinburgh Publishing, a publisher of souvenir guides for top sporting events such as the Derby and the Grand National, is joining the AIM market next week with a price tag of £3.05m. The floration involves an institutional placing of around 13.9 million shares at 10p each, raising £1.25m. The shares will start trading on a forward p/c ratio of 7.6 and a yield of 3.6 per cent.

• Docks de France, facing a hostile takeover by rival French supermarket group Auchan, said second-quarter sales fell 1.25 per permarket group Anchan, said second quarter sales red 1...5 per cent to FFr11.82bn (£1.5bn). No reason was given for the decline. Sales were FFr23.1bn in the first half, up 2.9 per cent from a year earlier, according to an announcement in the official bulletin.

• Fresenius, the German medical products group, reported a 32.

per cent rise in net profits to DM85m (£37m) at the group level, and said it planned to continue growing ahroad. Particular et, and said it planned to commue growing anroad. Particular growth areas will be Asia and Latin American. Earlier this year Fresenius said it would acquire a 55.2 per cent stake in US-based WR Grace's National Medical Care unit for \$2.3hn (£1.5bn) in the growth formula the growth district command. cash, forming the world's largest dialysis company.

BBC launches transmission services sale



what offset by improved sales of

white meats such as chicken.

In Europe overall sales were flat. Underlying margins im-proved further in personal care products and in Unilever's food

This was achieved through

cost reductions and changes to

the portfolio as the company

sold low-margin businesses, mainly in meat, Unilever said.

the autumn when Niall Fitzger-

ald takes over as chairman

from Sir Michael Perry. Mr

Fitzgerald is expected to redi-

rect the business towards

emerging markets, and brands

where the company can build better growth. Not that Sir

Michael has been idle on the

corporate front. Unilever

bought 24 businesses since

Christmas and sold another 15.

Trading profits from Europe were £407m in the second quar-ter, little changed from £403m previously. Overall operating

margins in Europe were flat at

Unilever added that trading

9.3 per cent.

The City's eyes are firmly on

John Birt: Sell-off consistent with BBC chiefs' shake-up

MATHEW HORSMAN

Media Editor

The sell-off of the BBC's transmission services, worth up to £250m, was finally launched yesterday, with as many as a dozen confidential sales memnranda sent out tn a list of potential hidders.

The BBC and its advisers, Lehman Brothers, declined to comment on its contents, but it is understood the sale will include 500 transmitters in the UK, all transmission and receiving equipment at the sites and the Warwick headquarters.

The sale is seen by many as a first step toward restructuring the BBC's sprawling uperations, and is consistent with a management shake-up announced by John Birt, the corporation's activist director general, early this summer.

As reported in the Independent this week, the BBC's extensive communications network, including lines between the corporation's London head office and studios in the North, will not be part of the package put up for sale.
The transmission operations

will be sold in two parts - the first covering the BBC's domestic television and radio services and the second incorporating equipment and services associated with the World Service, which is financed separately by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Companies will be free to bid for both, but will be required to submit separate offers. The Government will receive the proceeds from the World retain the full return from the

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cessful buyer of the World Service transmission operations will retain a contract to service the overseas sites. In the UK, three of four World Service transmitters are to be sold. The fourth, in Orfordness, is owned by the FCO outright, and will not be sold.

The seven World Service

transmitters abroad, including

a new facility in Thailand, will

not be sold, for reasons sources

said were "diplomatic rather than commercial", but the suc-

The domestic operations will he sold on the condition that both BBC1 and BBC2 will be transmitted under contract for 10 years. In addition, the BBC's analogue radio, as well as its first-generation digital radio, will also be provided by the eventual buyer.

The service is to be guaranteed as to quality and price, and share in any savings achieved by the new owners within a set time Among the likely bidders for the services is NTL, the US-

the BBC may also be in line to

owned company that provides transmission services for ITV and Channel 4. The company declined to confirm yesterday that it had registered to receive the sales memorandum. However, a spokesman said:

"It has always heen our intention to acquire the BBC transmission services, which we believe that we could run efficiently."
NTL formerly state-owned.

was privatised four years ago, and sold to a consortium led by Mercury Asset Management. It was sold to International CableTel, the US-based cable interests, earlier this year.

Kenwood shares hit by profits warning

kitchen appliances group warned shareholders at their annual meeting that results for the first half would fall short of the same period last year.

Kenwood chairman Harold Mourgue told investors that difficult trading conditions in Europe, combined with a continuing tendency for the core business to be "more secondhalf weighted", were responsi-

ble for the shortfall. But with new products due to be launched in the second half and the prospect of improved conditions in Europe, Mr Mourgue said Kenwood remained confident about the

ontcome for the full year.

He added that trading in the UK continued to show im-provement on last year with a good uplift in turnover" but shoes group, C & J Clark.

Shares in Kenwood tested their pricing and changes in product all-time low yesterday after the mix "continue to put margins under pressure".

The news caused Kenwood's shares to ease 12.5p to 195.5p, a whisker above their record low of 189p a fortnight ago. Floated at 285p four years

ago, the shares have struggled to perform against the backdrop of sluggish consumer spending. high raw material prices and competition from the Far East. Kenwood's fall from grace be-

gan two years ago with the rights issue-funded acquisition of Ariete, an Italian appliance. maker, which has led to rising dehtor levels.

Sentiment towards the stock has also been affected by talk of another paper-funded ac-quisition. Last year Kenwood lost its chief executive, Tim Parker, to the privately run

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market report/shares

BP strikes new heights as crude price inspires oil firms

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British Petroleum, only four and Enterprise Oil improved years ago bumping along at a miserable 187p, flared 9.5p to Encourage

a peak of 613.5p. responsible for the display of strength. Figures earlier this week were said to be the main influence although the firmness of the crude price was clearly an influence.

The shares are the cheapest of the international oil giants. And their appeal is strengthened by the prospect of sharp dividend increases and a possible share buyback within the

Other oils drew strength from the crude performance which ignored the growing prospect of Iraq commeocing exports in the next few weeks following the UN Sanctions Committee's adoption of the oil-for-food requirements. Burmah, helped by an overnight American buying

Encouraged by the bubbling peak of 613.5p.

US buying was thought to be

oil display, the rest of the stock market staged a late bid to make it eight wins in a row. It just failed to achieve such a remarkable sequence, last

> was again thin with most investors, big and small, content to bide their time. BSkyB, the satellite televi-

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter

of the year

managed three years ago.

The FT-SE 100 index finallow it to avoid a distracting ished only 0.7 points down at and potentially damaging re-3,810.7 after 3,793.9. Trading ferral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. New issue Somerfield, the su-

permarket chain, managed to cast a little embarrassment in the sion station, broke through the 500p barrier for the first time, gaining 8p to 507p. James Capel and Barclays de Zoete Capel and Barclays de Zoete

Hanson's rally continued with the price edging ahead to 168.5p. But BTR was stuck at its warrants exercise level, un-

changed at 258p.
Reports of a cable merger between Nynex and Telewest created a frisson of excitement. The theory is the hard pressed cable companies believe their disappointment at the poor rethe 500p barrier for the first time, gaining 8p to 507p. James Capel and Barclays de Zoete Wedd made buy signals. Year's figures are due later this month with a near £100m gain to £256m expected.

BT was little changed at 376p after a strong display this week. The shares have responded positively to the groun's grudging acceptance of switching from Kwik Save.

down to earth with United Friendly off 34p at 805p and its proposed partner, Refuge, down a further 15p at 393p. London & Manchester fell

15p to 366p and Britannic
22p to 741p.

Boosey & Hawkes ended
the week on a high note. The
shares jumped 68p to 798p after a US court ruled in B&H's favour in its dispute with Disney over the copyright for the Fantasia video. Earlier this week the company paid just ende £17.9m for a reed maker. On this year.

Monday the shares were 665p. Ladbroke was the best performing blue chip as takeover speculation returned. The shares cantered 4.5p to 197p in

at 43p, is expected to make a share exchange offer for Card-cast, up 5p at 88p

After Thursday's blush of excitement, insurances came to earth with United and out of the running.

British Steel fell 3.5p to 178.5p as SBC Warburg remained negative and James Carel caution lowered Lucas Capel caution lowered Lucas Industries 2p to 231p.

Pan Andean Resources' Bolivian oil hopes lifted the shares 7p to a 123p peak and African Gold, also from the John Teeling stable, improved 2p to 17p. AG, a maker of reels for the storage of cables and ropes.

firmed to 157p on Williams de

Broe support. Profits are expected to have risen nearly £500,000 to £3.5m in the year just ended with £4m likely

Cowie, the transport group, was little changed at 367p

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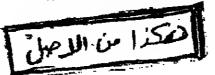
they were actually talking merger. Card Clear, 5p firmer at 43p, is expected to make a share exchange offer for Card-cast, up 5p at 88p

Hilton Hotels Corporation is still the market's favourite bet with Bass expected to be prescupied with Carlsberg Tetley and out of the running and out of the running. systems arrived at 145p when Henderson Crosthwaite placed shares to raise £7.7m. After a subdued few weeks the shares have come to life and yesterday jumped 25p to 198p. The group's products allow price changes and stock information to be transmitted between the shelf and a store's central computer.

Stories persist Whitbread has another significant takeover bid on its menu. The leisure giant is in the process of paying £133m for, the Pelican restaurant chain and there is talk it could descend on Harry Ramsden's, despite a buy oote from Wise Speke suggesting the shares could hit 450p in the next Speke Speke

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Cullen running in the shadows of a legend

Christian Cullen would pass almost unnoticed in any crowd. Small in stature, quiet in de-meanour, New Zealand's newest full-back has never wanted

lo be the centre of attention. Cullen prefers life in the slow lane. Annnymity as an Ali Black, however, is an absolute impossibility, as the 20-year-old from the farming back-blocks of Manawatu has discovered in the past five months.

Superstar status does not sit easily on his shoulders bul Cullen is coming to terms with his changing lifestyle with the steely assurance that has carapulted him, in a few hectic weeks, to the pinnacle of international rugby, alongside the likes of Jonah Lomu.

His stunning displays in the Hong Kong Sevens in March gave a sneak preview of his talent, and in the six Tests that Cullen has played since his im-

international tries does not even begin to tell the whole story. There is much, much more to Cullen than that. Andrew Mehrtens, whose running and kicking skills at out-side-half have almost relegated his predecessor, and linchpin of the All Blacks since 1987, Grant

Fox. to the forgotten ranks, has

not been surprised with the way Cullen has coped with Test

pressive man-of-the-series per-

formance in Hong Kong, no

one, least of all a discerning

New Zealand public, has been

disappointed. A return of eight

David Daniels in Cape Town talks to the All Black who is the last line of defence - and the first port of call in attack

rugby. "Christian may be a qui-el guy bul no one should imag-it would be his unpredictability. el guy bul no one should imagine for a moment that he lacks self-belief," he said. "He is, in fact, a very confident fellow, and that's why he hasn't struggled to make the big step into the inlemational game.

"He has many attributes, not least of all his pace. That gets him noticed but I wouldn't rate that as his most potent weapon. Indeed, he has so much going for him that it's hard to pick out a particular strength. He is very courageous, and at full-back you need to be hrave. His hall handling is exceptional, hut if there

"He is a very daring player. He's prepared in try anything, any time. That makes him a handful for any side, and he's almost impossible to contain.

That makes my job a lot easier. Knowing I bave guys like him and Jeff Wilson floating mate test for both me and the around on the outside means] can try things, too, knowing they'll be there to get nn the end of any move. That really does give us an extra cutting edge, and I think we've become an even better team since Christ-

Cullen wins bis seventh cap in today's clash with South Africa in Cape Town in the final match of the Tri-Nations series. The prospect of that match and the up-coming three-Test series against the reigning world champions is one that Cullen

rest of the team," Cullen said. "So far I've only played one Test away from New Zealand, when we beat Australia in Brisbane a couple of weeks ago.

Coming on this tour is a big step for me. In the week that

we've been over here so far, I've what I've already achieved. of being an All Black.

"When I first got into the team I had to pinch myself sometimes lo realise I was playing alongside some of my boyhood idols. I was in primary school when people like Sean Filzoatrick and Zinzan Brooke first got into the New Zeakind leam. They were my heroes, so it took me a while to really be-"These matches are the ultilieve that I was playing in the same side as them.

"Now this tour bas given me the chance to establish my reputation at international level. I intend to make the most of my chance. Things have gone so well for me in the past few months that it's hard to believe

started to realise the importance Scoring three tries on my debut againsi Western Samoa was an incredible way to start and the four tries I got against Scotland in the next match gave me an even bigger huzz. I suppose it was fairytale stuff, but that kind of start gave me the inner confidence to try different things oul on the pilch.

"That's not something I set out to do deliberately. I just play off the cuff, and if I see a chance to try something unusual then I'll go for it. I'm not afraid to make a mistake."

Cullen has made precious few of those at international level so far. François Pienaar and his South African side will shortly bear testimony to that.

SECOND TEST: Difficult day shows that new men in charge will have the same old problems

Barclay and Emburey to join Lloyd

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DEREK HODGSON reports from Headingley

Jobn Barclay will manage England's winter tour of Zimbabwe and New Zealand with David Lloyd as coach and John Emhurey, as forecast, as England's new bowling coach, his official title being assistant coach.

Lloyd's position, with a twoyear contract on offer, is firm. Barclay and Emburey, both of whom have successful A Tours on their CV, are on trial, awaiting the new management structure to be erected under the eventual direction of the new English Crickel Board. The combination looks good: Barclay, an old Etonian, is a diplomat, Lloyd a motivator and Emburey one of the most re-

al than several players. The the ball in the right place it will touring party will be named on seam. We bowled too short on 10 September and after yesterday's play, which has put this series against Pakistan almost beyond reach - England still need 144 to avoid a follow-on - a defeat would hring further calls for new blood, to which the selectors should retort: "From a stone?

The A team is expected to be no representative matches. came much easier."

HENRY BLOFELD

Nasser Hussain.

three players only just into firstclass cricket who are regarded as the pick of the next generation. As for the A tour manager, Mike Gatting's name has been mentioned.

If England spen1 much of the day under as deep a cloud as Leeds did, they were able to send bome a well-behaved 15,750 crowd in some bope of a brighter today. The most bizarre episode in a dismal afternoon came after lea when the umpires walked out in such loom they were holding their light meters. Pakistan's eight and nine, Moin Khan and Musbtaq Ahmed, waved away the offer of the light, tactically correct with a score of 423 for bul also signifying some contempl for England's bowling.

Dominic Cork, who finished spected old pros in the business.

They will be no more on tri"The puch is good but if you put Thursday but we stuck at it and showed we're not frightened. We've got to think beyond a draw. This isn't as hard a surface as Lord's and I'm not expecting a hig reverse swing."

Moin Khan, who hecame

Pakistan's highest scoring wick-etkeeper against England, said: The pitch was seaming up to a young side for a seven-week lunch but now seems to have lnur of Australia that contains settled down, and batting be-



Pakistan's Moin Khan just makes his ground to complete his century at Headingley yesterday Photograph: Peter Jay Hussain endeavours to entertain in the field

Surrey seal vital victory

reports from Southport Surrey 211 and 442 Lancashire 145 and 368 Surrey win by 140 runs

Trafalgar Road's unpredictable, relaid pitch bad the last word vesterday and, more aften than not, it was "goodbye". By mid afternoon, under a hot sun, the hall was going through the top with some frequency as Surrey closed in on an importanı Championsbip win.

Not that il was straightforward. It took some time for the penny to drop for Surrey's at-tack that they were bowling the wrong length for these conditions and Laocashire found themselves passing 170 with only one wickel down. They had been sel a larget, strictly no-tional on this pileh, of 509, seven more than any side have ever made lo win a Championship game. But, for a brief time, the locals were able to dream that this resort might be famous for something more than its flower show and as a haven for the natlerjack load.

Surrey's opening salvo with

but valuable journeymen of the game, might have felt it was not going to be his day when (to the mirth of his tcam-mates) he was asked for his admission ticker by a gateman who failed to recognise him. However, he was quick to recognise the half volleys and put them away with great fluency until be was

bowled playing across the line. By then, Brendon Julian and Martin Bicknell had started to dig the ball in just short of a length and, unsurprisingly, batting started to look decidedly hazardous once more.

This could be said to be a pitch which not only gets bats-men out but also finds them out. Not Gallian. He had started the day by yorking Julian and taking six wickets for the first lime. Now he battled it out fur some three hours, taking all sorts of blaws, until he was caught off a world-weary stroke. The rest was more pre-

dictable. Nick Speak was inrpedoed by a ball from Joey Benjamin thal removed his middle stump: Neil Fairbrother, facing a king pair, only just avoided it before his lack of footwork betrayed him; Graham the new ball was too wide and Lloyd threw the bat at every too full, and Jasoo Gallian and thing, including eventually a Steve Titchard found them- very wide one as Lancashire selves able to operate on the went down with all guns blazfront foot with a certainty not ing, or at least as loudly as they possible in the first innings. could on this pitch.

McCague has the last word

MICHAEL AUSTIN

reports from Northampton Northants 133 and 91-3

Few bowlers border on the unplayable but Martin McCague did here. He exploited irregular bounce with an awesome display

Northamptonshire's apparent death wish. They flailed, flashed and perished as if imagining they were defending their lead at the top of the Sunday League, rather than being involved in a fourday match. McCague returned 5 for 21 to prompt the followon and another batting struggle

of venomous accuracy to exploit

in the twilight zone. Northamptonshire have two authentic openers, Alan Ford-ham and Richard Monigomerie, and four other batsmen, whose calling at present is at No 6. Without the injured Rob Bailey, they have no No 3 and their folly of

omitting Mal Loye was laid bare. It all suited Kent, handily placed al initil fifth with Derbyshire. They bowled admirably in both innings, Tim Wren imposing himself with three post-tea wickets at Northamptonshire sought a distant 183 to avoid an

innings defeat. Min Patel, slow left-arm, had returned 3-46 in the first innings, illustraling the breadth of Kent's attack on a pitch probably enlivened by the afterlunch break for rain.

A green, plastic, sausageshaped cover was rolled on to protect the square, including the perspiring pitch, and from 73 for 3, only 60 runs were added for the loss of seven wickets. The orthodox covers, lurking on the

TODAY'S NUMBER

The pounds that Blackpool were prepared to pay for B&B lodgings while the goalkeeper Kenth Welch searched for a house, had he agreed to move from Bristol City. expected to be put up in a hotel like any other footballer, Welch said. "The deal is off,"

old football field, remained behind the advertisement boards. John Emhurey, Northamp-

tonshire's chief coach appointed vesterday as assistant to David Lloyd on England's winter tnur of Zimbabwe and New Zealand said: "We are just nnt applying ourselves well ennuch.

At least Fordham did in the first innings, with only his second Championship balf-century of the summer. Kevin Curran chose the alternative method with a flashing blade hringing 45, with 10 fours, from 46 balls. Fordham experienced a

shooter and then a snorter from McCague, the catch flying to first slip. Montgomerie had been caught off a glove and David Sales yorked by McCague. The middle order and tail came quictly in the team's lowest score of the season.

Trevor Ward swooped to take a low catch at wide mid-off to dismiss David Capel second ball after the follow-on and Northamptonshire still need 92 to prevent an ignominious defeat.

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lied to his keen anticipation and splendid throwing arm enabled him to save a great many runs Smith stiffens

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While it is virtually impossible to find a single redeeming feature

in England's performance in the field over the first two days

at Headingley, they must not be

allowed to pass without reference to the brilliant fielding of

His superb athleticism al-

ROUND-UP

Ben Smith hit a career-best 190 as Leicestershire took a firm grip againsl Glamorgan at Swansea yesterday. Smith helped the visitors to a commanding 536 and by the close they had reduced Glamorgan to 133 for 6 - still 254 runs short nf their follow-on target.

The 24-year-old baisman extended his overnight fourthwicket partnership with Phil Simmons to exactly 200 in 50 overs before Simmons was superbly caught by Matthew May-nard off Rubert Croft for 92. Smith had been at the crease for just over seven bours, hitting 23 boundaries from 328 balls, when he skied a drive against Tony Cuttey allowing the howler lime to take the catch.

Peler Such bowied Essex into a winning position as Somerset were forced to follow on at Taunton. The off-spinner collected 6 fnr 63 to help bowl out the bome side for 246 in reply to the Essex score of 465, in which Graham Gooch had contributed 201. Only the acting skipper Peter Bowler, with a solid 88, showed much resistance as Somerset collapsed from 195 for 3. By the clase they had reached seven without loss.

during the Pakistan innings as he threw himself this way and sain somehow cut off at cover as he threw himself this way and that mostly in the covers.

It was a brilliant piece of field-ing by Hussain which contributed to Ijaz Ahmed's dismissal on the first day, although it happened seven overs before he was out. Ijaz had been marooned nn 132 for some while, partly because he could not beat the field and partly because Salim Malik, his partner, had most of the strike. When at last Ijaz came in face Andy Caddick, be played another

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he dived to his left. This brilliant piece of fielding visibly annoyed ljaz who thought he should have had four runs, and in his frustration he became more reckless in his attempt to push the score along hut he was still unable to get the ball through the field.

Seven overs later he had faced only another 18 balls and was still like a tightly coiled spring. It was then that Dominic Cork bowled him a slower one which was a

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line of the off stump and flailed wildly at a ball which he could scarcely reach and was caught behind. If that earlier square cut had gone for four, Ijaz may well have kept his composure.
It is in ways like this that oustanding fielders like Hussain have such an important effect on

wide half volley. I jaz planted his front foot down the pitch on the

the game. They can also do a great deal to raise the morale of the side, and the other England players must surely have been uplifted by Hussain's perfor- when he ran out two Australian mance. Several had their heads down and for them Hussain's best efforts must have come as a much-needed shot of adrenalin.

Another by-product of field-ing of this class is the superb entertainment value it provides. There is something most compelling about watching Hussain perform his feats, just as there was when watching Clive Lloyd in his early days in the covers or Viv Richards, especially in the

Then there was Paul Sheahan and Ross Edwards of Australia and before that Norman O'Neill and Neil Harvey. Perhaps the best two fielders of them all came from South Africa. Jonty Rhodes

batsmen with direct hits.

in their present side needs no in-troduction but not everyone will remember Colin Bland from their side in the 1960s. No other fielder had quite the same abdity constantly to throw down the 1975 World Cup final at Lord's stumps from any angle.

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Resurgent Black focused on enjoyment

There were few smiling British Olympians returning last week from their antics in Atlanta but, amid all the acrimony, inquisitions and general gloom, one well-known athlete was making the Cheshire Cat look depressed.

The man in question is Roger Black, double silver medallist in the 400 metres individual and relay races, and a sportsman who has defied career-threatening ailments virtually non-stop since he first burst on to the scene back in 1986.

Bumping into him during the last day of the Olympics in the athletes village was a good experience for anyone feeling anything but content with life because, within a few minutes, his infectious mood ensured that you, too, were immediately cheered by the genuine joy and relief on show. If you are a member of the Black family, or a good friend of the 30-year-old, now would be a good time to ask him for a favour, or request an outrageous hirthday or early

Christmas present. laviting me to lunch in the athletes refectory Black, twice a European and Commonwealth champion, as well as a world retay gold and individual silver medallist, was able to elearly define the reasons behind his success in Atlanta.

"The main factor is simple," he said. "I'm healthy, and when you're healthy this business isn't difficult. I've not had a total clean bill of health since 1986. and when you have an injury you focus on it, both in training and competition. When you are healthy, though, you concentrate on just one thing - running."

There is much more to Black's resurgence, however, than this simple explanation. Despite his

lan Stafford finds Britain's premier 400m runner is happy to be healthy and delighted with his Olympic silver medals

tened to himself before. "I took accountability for myself, rather than expecting other people to help me," he admitted. "It meant that I was able to make big decisions, like going to Australia for six months over last winter after my cartilage operation.
"I was able to do this because

I found a way to enjoy my sport again, after a period, certainly during my glandular fever spell three years ago, where I clearly was not. I enjoyed the success when it came, but not the day to-day process of athletics. So I decided to listen to my own motivational speaking and create a psychological situation which was better for Roger Black.
"You're always led to believe

that you've got to be really ag-gressive and motivated to succeed, but I realised it wasn't my nature. I need to be focused confident and at peace with myself. I read a lot of psychological books, worked closely with tny good friend Sven Ny-lander, the Swedish athlete, and spoke at length with Steve Backley in Tallahassee, who is also a great believer in selftaught psychology. And once my injury had cleared up I was men-

tally stronger."
You would have got good money on Black even making the British individual team not too long ago, such is the strength of beaten him would have required our one-lap running, let alone winning a silver medal. Even Black had his doubts during the winter. "Oh, there's no way I saw myself ending up with an Olympic silver medal back then,"

where he lectures about moti- with Jon Ridgeon to get away ships final in Tokyo. My naturvation, he had clearly never lis- from everything, get out of my natural environment, recover

and to become an athlete again. "It was only at the Olympic trials (when Black beat the best of Britain and set a national record] that I thought I could be on for something. When I walked into the stadium before the Olympic final I was as cool as a cucumber. I put my hand on my heart and couldn't feel it. At one time that would have worried me, but I saw this as confirmation that things would go well."

'Before the Olympic final I put my hand on my heart and couldn't feel it'

Did you see Michael Johnson surging ahead in the distance? "No, I was completely focused on my own race. Neither was I aware of people behind me. People will keep on telling me: 'If you'd tried to beat Johnson you could have won the gold medal,' but they are wrong.

"Johnson is a phenomenal athlete and for me to have a faster run from me, and a mistake by him. I opted to run my own race and not even try to beat him because, if I'd run his race, I would have tied up and been caught on the line, as I did he agreed. "I went to Australia in the 1991 World Champion- sport. How many people can say

al instinct was to go with him, but I held myself back.

"If it had been Zurich I would have gone with him and seen whether I could break 44 seconds, but not in an Olympic final, and not when you knew what a silver medal would mean. I just couldn't risk it."

Black's plan almost introduces a whole new psychological theory based on aiming to come second, something for which he has already been crit-icised. "I know [Du'Aine] Ladejo has had a go at me because I talk in this way. He says I'm happy to be Britain's No 1. while he wants to be the world's No 1. Well, ler's become the national champion first.

The point is that I've rewritten a lot of stuff in my head, be-cause the concept of running for second place is perceived as de-featism. I believe that the concept of running the best race you can, accepting the opposition. and knowing that if they make a mistake you will win, is the right mind set in certain circumstances. It also creates a success without actually winning. Success, don't forget, should be personal."

Black was so excited that he spoke at a great rate of knots. Someone said to me on the radio: 'You must have a tinge of disappointment.' Tinge of disappointment? I've been in this sport for 11 years, and I've just won an Olympic silver medal after three operations and 10 years of injury and illness. You do well if you have one, injuryfree season of success in this

that they possess an Olympic sil-ver medal in this world? And, to think, nobody had me down for any kind of medal."

He pauses quickly, and then repeats his indignation at the phrase used on the airwaves.
Tinge of disappointment!"

So, absolutely no bitterness then after a career which has borne much fruit, but could have produced even more had he not been subjected to a hor-

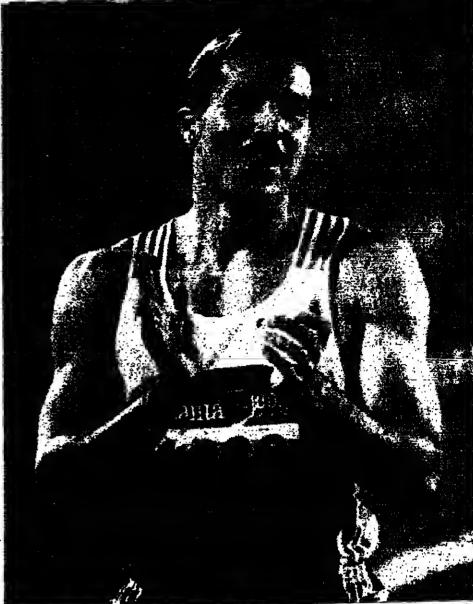
rific list of injuries and illness? "Absolutely none. I'm grateful for this moment, not buterly looking back. I appreciate it

much more at my age too." And no points proved? "None. I've already exceeded my expectations, and I refuse to get caught up in this sporting disease of ultimately never being happy because I'm always striving to do better. My goal is simply to be happy, and by focusing on that it's made me a better athlete.

"You see, I've never needed to be an Olympie champing to be happy. I'm intelligent enough to realise that if your happiness depended on winning an Olympic gold medal then it would depend on something you can't control. All I can control is me. I ran a bloody good race in the final and won a silver medal and, believe me, it's the best thing I've ever done."

Black will race the season out, starting in London tomorrow and then start planning for the Wurld Championships next year, and a crack at a third European title in 1998.

As we bade our farewells, I told him that I had never seen him happier with life. "I've not got a worry in the world," he replied. "It's absolutely wonderful, Fantastic, It's really great." You missed out fabulous



there, Roger, but we get the drift. Roger Black colebrates his Individual 400m saver medal at the Olympics Photograph: PA

Christie keen to erase Olympic trauma

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

The grand prix meeting at Crystal Palace tomorrow offers Britain's returning Olympians their traditional opportunity for a "fly-past" - although in some cases the fliers will display the patched-up appearance of those

recently under heavy enemy fire. Linford Christie, making what is said to be his last appearance at Crystal Palace as retirement from international competition looms, will be anxious to leave his old haunt with some good

memories after his traumatic experiences in the last fortnight.

Disqualified from the 100m final in Atlanta, knocked out of the 200m in the second round and prevented from taking part in the sprint relay after his colleagues dropped the baton, he will be seeking a solid performance at the Performance Games. As of yesterday, fewer than half of the 17,000 tickets had been sold, and Tony Ward, of the British Athletic Federation, was talking about the need to reduce domestic meetings next season from the current number of six to four.

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Ward acknowledged that the absence of track and field gold medallists in Atlanta may have been partly to blame for the reduced interest. There is, nevertheless, the opportunity to see some of the Britons who came closest to gold in the Centennial Olympics, notably the 400m silver medalist Roger Black. He will run over 300m against his partners in the 400m relay team who also won silver, Iwan Thomas, Jamie Baulch and

Steve Backley, javelin silver medalist behind Jan Zelezny, will well as at Crystal Palace.

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return to his backyard for what is only his fourth competition of the season. The women's javelin will feature Tessa Sanderson, an Olympic finalist at 40, who is taking part in what she insists is her very last competition.

Colin Jackson, beaten into fourth in the Olympic 110m hardles, will have two chances in the space of two days to redress the balance of his season in meetings with the gold medallist Allen Johnson. Jackson is due to meet the American today in the Monte Carlo grand prix as

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RACING RESULTS

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9-2. 9 ran. 11/4, 11/4, fW Mur. Lamboush). Total (2.10, £1.10, £2.30, £2.20, \$7.59.10. CSP: £10.25, That £16.10. 3.10: 1. LETRA BOY (G Cartest 9-4 law) 2 Jack Flush 13-2; 3 Jack The Lad 8-1 6 ran. V. hd. (P Haslam, Modelham), Tota: £3.00; £2.30, £1.90. DF: £13.30, CSP.

3.40: 1. ORDANIED IS DOWNED 8-1; 2. re 5-1: 3. Gold Desire 8-1, 8 san. 5-4 few Alaberty (Srt), 11/4, 11/4, 1E Alston, Longron), Totes £0.60; £1.80, £1.60, £2.00, DP: £24.30, CSF: £45.74, Interst

4.10: 1. HULM (3 Carter) 13-8: 2. Robe moset 5-4 fev; 3. Mighty Keen 4-1. 6 ren. 1, 7. (H Thomson Jones, Newmarker), Total £2.40; £1.10, £1.30. DF: £2.60, CSF: 4.40: 1. FOREST FANTASY (R French)
11-4 fav; 2. Ungent Swift 100-30; 3. Meis
Baby 100-30: 10 ran. 6, 1. U Witstinn,
Metton Moubray). Totas: £3-90; £1.10,
£1.60, £1.30, Df; £6.10, CSF; £12.29. In5.10: 1. NORA (N Variey) 10-11 tax; 2. Domintée 7-1: 3. Senset Herbour 12-1. 4 ren. 2%, 1%. U Eyre, Thirsid, Tota: £1.70. DF: £3.70. CSF: £6.29. Place St £18.95. Place St £13.39. WOLVERHAMPTON

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2.20: 1. ALIAZ (S Senders 8-1: 2. Napter Ster 4-1: 3. Need You Budly 5-2 fav. 8
ran. 11/4, 3. (Mrs. Gay Nefeway, Why.
combel. Tobs: £9.40; £2.20, £2.20, £1.10.
DF: £23.60. CSF: £38.77. Tricast: £96.48.

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Prince Babar (Newmarket 4.10) NB: Glory Of Dancer (Haydock 3.15)

2.50: 1. BEN'S REDGE (Martin Dwyer) 9-1; 2. Golog For Broke 14-1; 3. Tinkarbell 10-1. 11 ron. 7-2 for Hotils. 4, 2½. (P. Haslam, Middleham). Tools: (9.40; £2.50, £3.80, £3.30, 0F; £47.90, GSF; £107.66. Tircast: £1.178.90. Tre: £158.80. NR: Spondalicis. £1,178.90. The: £158.80. NR: Sp

3.20: 1. HAL'S PAL (R Hughes) 1-3 fav; 2. Poter Change 10-1: 3. Whet A Press 33-1. 3 fan. ¼, 4, (D Loder, Newmarket). Total: £1.20: £1.00. £2.70. £5.50. DF; £5.50. GSF: £5.59. Tito: £34.20. 3.50: 1. SUPER HIGH (Paul Eddery) 8-1; 2. Bendleo 9-1; 3. China Costio 12-1. 13 ram. 11-2 fav Ethbark (Sth). 1½, ½, (P Howling, Godolming). Total: £12.30; £2.60, £2.70, £3.40. DF; £31.30. GSF: £71.96, Tress: £31.32. Tito: £381.20. 4.20: 1. ULTRA BEET U Forume) 5-2; 2.

4.20: 1. ULTAN BEET U Fortune 5-2; 2. Efficacy 7-1; 3. Sense of Priority 15-8 fav. 13 tan. V, 13v. (P. Haston, Midderarn). Total: 52-90; £1-50, £2-40. DF: £12,50. CSF: £20.20. Tho: £9.80.

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5.20:1 STATE APPROVAL (C Caver) 2-1 5.20:1. STATE APPROVAL (C Carsor) 2-1 for; 2. Pend Anniversary 5-1; 3. Industa Mitabus 20-1. 6 ran. 9, 12. (A fants, Didcot, Telas. E. 2.60: £1.50, £1.10, £2.80, DF: £5.90, £5. £1.17, £2.80, DF: £5.90, £5. £1.17, £1.00. Incept Heights. Tito: £41.00. 1acipot: Not won; £13.028.12 carried forward to Notworket to Aday.
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PLUMPTON 2.30: 1. LIMOSA (M. Richards) 7-2; 2. Co-nary Poleon 7-1; 3. Sir Geleforce 13-2, 7 ran. 4-5 tav Arctic Red River (4th). 4, 8. (Mrs 1. Richards), Totae: £4,80: £2,10, £5,50. DF: £12,00. CSF: £24,79. 3.00: 1. SAFETY (I J. Murphy) 3-1, pt. tav., 2. Afeltour 13-2; 3. Nuclear Ethicae 3-1.

2. Afaitouri 13-2; 3. Nuclear Engress 3-1, It iav. 6 ran. 4, 9, U White: Tota: £3.10: £2.00, £5.90. DF: £28.10. CSF: £20 22. 2.200, 15.90. DF: £28.10. CSF: £20.22. 3.30: 1. PAIR OF MCKS (C Howdyn) 2-1; 2. No Light 5-1; 3. Zaberger 5-4 km. 4 ren, Hd, 21/L. (G L Moore), Yota: £2.30. DF: £4.20. CSF: £9.88.

4.00: 1. POND HOUSE ID Bridgester) 5-4 GV, 2. Simply 11.8; 3, Cull Me Albi 11-1. 6 Film. 8, 7, (M Pipe), Tota: £2.40; £1.50, £2.00. DF: £2.20, CSF: £3.30. 4.30: 1 CALWAY BLADE I GLECKY 2-1 g tav, 2. Versiam 11-4; 3. Agein Together 2-1 k tav. 6 ran. 4., 14. (Miss H Knight).

Placepet: £55.90, Quitdpot: £5.20. Place 6: £58.27, Place 5: £16.56.

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Dettori back to Glory

The famous wounded return today. Lanfranco Dettori enjoys his first afternoon meeting since his fractured elbow healed, at Newmarket, while Nash House, the one-time Derby favourite antil he poured pitch over his copybook at York, makes a comeback in the Rose Of Lancaster Stakes at Havdock.

With the greatest of respect to Frankie the day spotlight is at Newton-le-Willows, where they have neither the breadth of hillside nor the number of huge white letters to spell out the attraction of the day's Group Three race. The event itself,

though, merits a full auditorium. Nash House was trumpeted as Peter Chapple-Hyam's most formidable weapon before he slithered away in the Dante Stakes in May. The Manton trainer recently told us the colt suffered a serious viral infection before that race, which might have been the sort of information to have on your side before

HAYDOCK 2.45: INTIDAB, who cantered to an effortless two lengths victory over Classic Form in a seven furlogs maiden at Thirsk recently, enters handicaps on a lenient-looking mark and could pay to follow.

3.15: ELA ARISTOKRATI ran an absolute blinder to finish seven lengths fourth to Halling, Bijou D'Inde and the subsequent Group One King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes winner, Pentire, in the Group One Eclipse Stakes at Sandown last time out. He takes a drop in class today and will

Nash House is back in action today at Haydock. Richard Edmondson reports The opening televised race from Haydock should go to

joining a queue to support the horse at the Knavesmire. Chapple-Hyam now reports

that Nash House will oeed this race, and a more up-beat bulletin comes from the man who would be up-beat if he was lying in intensive care with tubes up his nostrils, Paul Kelleway, "Kelloggs" saddles Glory Of Dancer, who won the Dante before finishing fourth to Shaamit in the Derby.

The Epsom form may have caused aficionados to fill reservoirs of spittoons, but Glory Of Dancer did at least have the indisputable excuse that he did not last the full journey. The colt produced an unusually flamboyant piece of work under the tutelage of the man from the sick bed this under the total and Dettor reported that week, and Dettori reported that his steed performed quite thrillingly. Glory Of Dancer (next best 3.15) will be hard to beat.

3.50: CROWDED AVENUE, who was a highly creditable three lengths lifth to Rambling Bear, Hever Golf

HYPERION'S

NEWMARKET 3.65: La Fille De Cirque is ridden by Julia Fielden, probably the most competent of the home-based jockcys here. WILFULL LAD has a good each-way chance if recapturing the form of his Salisbury third in May.

when leaving the stalls at New-castle last time, but still had time

to pick himself up, dust himself

down and start all over again.

Later on is the the sort of 21-

runner sprint handicap that

bookmakers exalt. If the fever

has taken you the option here may be Youdontsay (3.50), who

is only 3lb higher for an over-

due success at Glorious Good-

There is some form of com-

pelling action at Newmarket this

weekend when the town's open

a-side football competition be-

barely proficient in their chosen career it will be interesting to

day tomorrow includes a five

3.35: Papita humbled 14 rivals with a five-length win at Goodwood but this is a big step up in class. CAT-WALK, a staying-on sinth to Ovation in a better quality race here could he better value.

4.49: Almohimm and POLAR PRINCE may fight out the finish of

see how they manage in an alien forum. Whatever the fate of Team Snoot in the round ball game there will be many top class animals to visit as 29 of Newmarket's yards throw their Equery (2.45), who acted as if there was a bomber overhead gates open for inspection.

Certainly there will be more quality beasts in repose there than at the local July course the previous day. The first meagre offering on display this after-noon is the Dandelioo Ladies Invitation Stakes, named after the flower which is known in French as "le pissenlit", and it will take an involuntary act to bet substantially on the race. However, Roseate Lodge (3.05), who has managed to get the stiffness out of his 10-year-old limbs on his two most receot

starts, looks better than most. Papita (3.35) and Yukon Hope (4.40) also have reasontween jockeys and trainers. As some of the latter struggle to be able prospects, while it is about time the poor old beleaguered supporters of PRINCE BABAR (nap 4.10) got a break.

this tough handicap. They finished fourth and seventh, respectively, on this track in last month's Bunbury Cup—both emerging with hard luck stories after failing to get clear rans. Peter Robinson's mount is cerrain to get the strong pace that suits him. Green Barries seeks his fourth consecutive win but may now have tisen too far in the handicap.

5.10: NILGIRI HILLS would probably have won at Haydock five weeks ago had he not faltered when hit in the face with a whip in the clos-ing stages. Longwick Lad, from a sta-ble in form, has good each-way

Only five try to put out Cigar They try to extinguish the Cigar they have ruined Cigar's record. Such an eventuality is tanta-

long time in California today. Cigar goes for his 17th straight success in the Pacific Classic at Del Mar, which will make him, mathematically, the greatest

Richard Edmondson. Much of the build-up to the Grade One race has included interviews with opposing trainers, asking how they would like to be the moustache-twiddling fig-ure booed off the stage after

mount to fantasy.

Cigar so close in the Dubai

World Cup in March.

Cigar is likely to start as short as a I-5 shot, despite the fact that his trainer, Bill Mott, continues to grumble about his horse's intermitteet hoof probhorse of the 20th century, writes lems. The quest for the 17th and the milestone has been made far easier by the career-ending injury at Del Mar this week of Soul Of The Matter, who ran

DEL MAR TONIGHT

11.37BST PACIFIC CLASSIC (Grade I) 1m 2f Penelty

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| 2 | 3-23152 | DARE AND GO (La Presie Farm) R Mandello 5 8-12 A Solis 2 |
| 3 | 4-21111 | SEPHON (BRZ) (Rio Claro Thoroughbreds) R Mandella 5 8-12 D Flores 3 |
| 4 | 11-1111 | CIGAR (A E Paulson) W Mott 8 8-12 |
| 5 | 1-2226P | LUTHIER FEVER (Cuadra TYT Inc) E Inda 5 8-12 |
| 8 | -823212 | DRAMATIC GOLD (Golden Eagle Farm) D Hofmors 5 8-12 C Nakatani 6 |
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BETTHO: 1-5 Cigar, 5-1 Siphon, 8-1 Timeers Way, 12-1 Dramatic Gold, 20-1 Dare and Go, 30-1 Lathler Fever

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Rose, Croft Pool and Cool Jazz in the Group Three King George Stakes over Goodwood's very sharp five furlongs, is well drawn, fairly handicapped and can make his touch of class count. HEWMARKET

2.00 National Treasure 4.10 PPLAR PRINCE (nap) 4.40 Nilgiri Hills 2.30 Ortolan 3.05 Wilfull Lad 5.10 Billy Bushwacker 3.35 Catwalk GOING: Good to Firm. STALLS: Jm2f & tm4f - stands' side; remainder - for side. ORAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Characteristics (1998) 1998.

Eight-hand course with 1m straight.

Course is SW of town on A1304, Bas link from Newmarket raff station (served by London, Kng's Cruss), ADMESSION: Cab 514 (16 to 25-year-olds 510); Grandstand & Paddock 510 (18 to 25-year-olds 55); Family Enclosure 53. CAR PARKE Members 51; rest free.

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Alsohoh, 8-1 othors. 1995: Juliaby Askhir 3 8 10 D Hamson 13-2 (R Akehuss) 7 sin 2.30 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £5,000 added 7f

3.05 DANDELION LADIES INVITATION HANDICAP (CLASS F) £6,000 added 1m 502542 FORT MICK (S) (CD) (Mics C Markowsk) 8 Flower 5 11 7 - 553060 WELFAL LAD (CB) (Dwd Carby Maryn Mesel 3 11 2 - 50-3264 WELLY STAR (BEL) (19) (Mic 8 Smith) Mic S Smith 611 1.

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ere, 7-1 Andrey Grace, Rossets Lodge, 8-1 Fort Knox, TIME: 5-1 Mazzaranio, 6-1 Avecome V Princesse Lyphord, 12-1 others, 1995: Fort Knox 4 10 5 Mrs Gebnella Mentin 10-1 (R Flower) 12 ran

Fort Macc., where of the corresponding race a year ago, defeating Don't Drop Bombs a length and a quarter, goes of a 3th higher rating this time but can still go close, Mark Flower's tike-year-old has been showing before form than he had before last season's win. He notiched a Lingslett Equitivack pat-trick in March and has since made the frame five times. At the same, it should pay to follow MEZZORABBO, who followed his two-length Leicester victory with a head second to Great Bear at Newspite — both in amateur events, Awassona' Veature, a tough and consistent skryse-old, was tike nerrowly bestern lest time, going down a neek to stablemate hashast (who was on a het-trick) at Yermouth, Audrey Grace isn't the most consistent of fistes but comes into the restoring on her third (dead-hest with Nurshape) to Winsome Wooser and Zelde Zork at Salsbury nine days ago while recent Yarmouth seller winner Bashare and Roseate Lodge are others to consider. Selection: MEZZORAMKO

| 3 | .35 | ENZA NEW ZEALAND SWEET SOLERA STAKE (CLASS A) (Listed) £16,000 added 2YO filles ? | C4 |
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| 1 | | FERNANDA (16) (Sidne Al Kabeer) J Duolop 8 11 | T Quies 10 8 |
| 2 | | CATWALK (21) (Michael H Brown) W Hastes 8 8 | |
| 3 | | DANCENG DROP (26) (Michamed Suball) R Harron 88 | D Harrison 9 |
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| 6 | 5214 | IMPETUOUS AIR (16) (D) (T A Scottern) E Weymes 8 8 | K Dayloy 8 |
| 6 | - B1 | LADY MAIL (23) (D) (Sary Coul) J Essente 88 | R Cockston 2 |
| ž | 67 | LITERARY (15) (BF) (Sheith Mohemmed) J Gosden 8 8 | L Dettori 5 |
| Á | 51 | PAPITA (11) (6 Steenberg 5 Dow 8 8 | B Thousand 4 |
| Ř | . 313 | SEMPLE LOGIC (30) DARS Julet E Reed) A Foster 8 8 | P Robinson 3 |
| 10 | 441118 | STREDE (16) (D) (BF) (Ledyswood Racing Club) Martyn Meade 8 8 | |

BETTEND: 8-2 Fernanta, 5-1 Discary, 11-2 Papits, 9-1 Impetuous Air, 9-1 Dancing Drop, 8-1 Shepin Logic, 10-1 Catanili, Lady Mell, 12-1 others, 1955: Bert Seischi (USA) 2 8 8 W Cazon over 6 (Usalop) 6 izm

1990: But Selsabl (USA) 2.8.8 W Cason evens () Dealoy 5 am
FORM GUIDE
A the-and-a-hast-length third behind Dealoning Drop on her introduction at Windsor four weeks
ago, PRPTDA improved considerably with that expensions under her belt to make all and come
home by the lengths at Goodwood (60, Samon Dow's filly should appreciate the edite furong
and can get better still, She is familiat to turn around the Windsor running with Domcing
priop, who was having her fourth outing at the Berishirs track and lan't bleaty to show as
much improvement as the selection. Literary, hampered a furiong out when short-headed
by Hissach over sex furiongs of this track two weeks ago, will appreciate the exon furiong and
could go close deeplie being one of only two maldens in the field. Fernanda looked good
in landing her first two sees, of Nottingham in May and York the following month but was
slowly away and always in america when last of seven to Red Camella at Sandown, bearen nearly ten longing,
after scoring at Ayr on her third appearance. Lady Minit goning a 3-3-1 suppress when gatting up close home to be a Stories To Tell over today's trip at Radear and there should be
further improvement in the daughter of Pursuit Of Love.

Selection: PAPTA

| 5 | 4 | 1.10 | NEW ZEALAND HANDICAP (CLASS B) £25,000 added 7f | 4 |
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| • | 1 | 032-031 | VERZEN (20) (CD) (Second Manager) D Loder 4 8 11 R Hay | |
| | 2 | 252111 | GREEN RANGES NO NO DANKOUM A Maldoum) M Johnston 391 | Н |
| 4, | 3 | DLE323 | POINCE RABAR (9) (D) (Gies W Prichard-Gordon) J Banks 5 9 1 | ø |
| | 4 | 610110 | SASPEDO DISAL CUD (CD) (S Fusicid W O'Gorman 880 | |
| | 5 | 12113-4 | DEFINED FEATURE (20) (Second Suitani) M Storage 3 8 11 | |
| | ě | 0-2351D | POLAR PRINCE COO (D) Gais Chuston Stevenson) M James 3 8 13 | |
| 1 | 7 | 251140 | ALMONTHUM (USA) (9) (CD) Orbitoum Al Maleoum) E Dunlop 4 8 12 | Jo. |
| 1 | ė | 000-331 | CRUMPTON HILL (30) (CD) (7 H Chacher) N Gaham 4 8 12 | ø |
| - | 9 | 045633 | MAND FOR THE HELS (5) (C) (Chas Busher) O Index 8 8 10P McCabo | • (|
| • | 10 | 034000 | BELIEVE ME (5) (C) (C) (D) (Errice Adems) 8 Hencer 3 8 8 | 8 (|
| 3 | 11 | 056201 | MOUNTGARE (7) (CD) () F Coupland) M Beiby 4 8 DB D | O |

| Ī | 12 (C22111 NASHART (USA) (S) (D) (Rony Satchell M Chapmon 8 7 13 |
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| | 13 050304 ERTLON (6) (D) (C E Settan) C Britain 8 ; 11. M Henry (3) 1 |
| | 14 60406¢ THANNETJ (USA) (12) (D) (BF) (Sephen Ladow) M Hammord 1 7 10 |
| | Minimum weight: 7st 10th. Inte handicap weight: Tawalij 7st 9th BETONG: 8-1 Green Stanton, 8-1 Alauchimum, Crumpton Hill, 7-1 Poter Prince, 15-2 Prince Bahar, 8- |
| | 1 Verzen, 14-1 Defined Festure, 16-1 Hashant, Sassecio, Yaundij, 20-1 Mountgate, 25-1 others. |
| | 1995: Verzen 3 8 10 0 8 McCate 11-2 (D Lover) 13 ran FORMA COUDE |
| | Maktourn Al Maktourn holds a strong hand here with both Green Barries and ALMUREMENT in the line-up. Green Banies was completing a hat-tinck when a most impressive three-length |
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in the tine-up. Green Bantes was completing a hart-rick when a most impressive three-length winner of an 18-runner race at Goodwood. With Jason Weaver nding at Ayr, Michael Hills, who was in the saddle at Beverley the time before last, again has the ride. Alimharum is due a change of luck, Ed Dunkop's runner was on a hart-tinck when meeting all sorts of trouble in the Burbury Cup over course and distance, firishing strongly to take fourth, a length behind Crumphon Hill after finished intree parts of a length behind Prince Baber when they were third and fourth of 18 to Moscow Mist in the Golden Mile at Goodwood, again failing to often a clear run. Although no better off with Crumphon Hill or Prince Baber, the selection can reverse form with both, while he can confirm placings with Polar Prince and Sesendia, who were behind him in the Burbury Cup. Verzien, six length winner at Yarmouth only his third outing this season, could pose a threat despine his burder while Neabhest, out for a four-timer, could go well with his light weight even though this with be much tougher than when he won at Yarmouth (twice) and Catteriot.

Selections ALMURIMAN

| 4 | .40 | THE SOUTH ISLAND MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) C4 |
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| 1 | | CLASSIC WARRIOR (Classic Bloodstock Pic) 8 Horris 9 0 |
| 5 | 304-3 | DESPUTED (22) (Shelih Ahmed Al Makajum) M Jarks 9 D |
| 3 | 5. | HAPPY TRAVELLER (239) (The Happy Partnersho) C Mutton 9 0 |
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| Ē | | LA MAFARR (USA) (Makoum Al Makoum) J Gosden 9 0 |
| č | 25 | LONGWICK LAD (5) (Mrs Manon Wickham) W Mur 9 D |
| 7 | 535800 | LUCKY ARCHER (8) (W J Gredey) C Britain 9 0B Doyle 14 |
| ė | 222.557 | POLICIARY HRLLS (37) (A.) Smuthers) J Dunlop 9 0 K Dadley 9 |
| 8 | C2 E2 | CHALK DUST (USA) (7) (BF) (Consupher Waght) P Cole & 9 |
| 10 | OZ-JE | DAMLORA C & Rowles Nicholson) W Jenes 89 |
| | _ | OCTANGA HALL OR Older, D.W. Harris, D.Harris, R.G. A.McGlone 7 |
| 11 | U | |
| 12 | 6 | POLISH RHYTHM (7) 6 A Huchardi M Tomplans 89 |
| 13 | | PRESENT IMPERFECT (T D Hotand-Mann) I Baking 8 9 |
| 14 | 3 | YUNION HOPE (USA) (9) (Checken Stud) 8 Charlon 8 9 |

| 15 | 5.10 | E8,000 added 1m 2f | AP (GLASS C |
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| 1 | | MISSEL (22) (Shekh Mohanunich M. Johnston 4 10 0 | |
| 2 | 022206 | BILLY BUSHWACKER (1/4) (T S Chie) Mrs M Reveley 5 9 11 | R Cockrane 6 |
| 3 | 21120-0 | JAGELLON (USA) (11) (D) (D J Deen W Mor 5 9 11 | |
| Z | 160054 | BALL GOWN (7) (CO) (C V Lines) D Thom 8 9 10 | |
| 5 | 12133-3 | MONARCH (96) (HRH Pance Faho Salmen) P Cole 4 9 8 | |
| 8 | 054030 | SECRET ALY (CNO (25) (D) (B H VOA) C Britain 693 | B Dovie 9 |
| 7 | | GO BRITANNIA (21) (Node Sad) D Loder 3 9 D | |
| Ř | | SADLER'S WALK (75) (D) (A E Oppenhemen G Wage 5 8 12 | |
| ĕ | | ANGUS-G (15) (CC) AV Girzen Mrs M Reveley 488. | |
| | | EDAN HEIGHTS (11) (7 8 Mourtains S Dow 4 8 7 | |
| | | VORA PREMIERE (21) (BF) (B W Gaule) M Tomplens 4 8 1 | |
| | | KARINSKA (32) (Seof Whong) M Chapman 8 7 10 | |
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Pressel, 6-1 Scoret Alt, 10-1 others.
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HYPERION 2.10 Back in The USSR 2.40 Ajayib 3.10 Saifan 3.40 Irish Sea 4.15 Mazilla 4.45 Thwaab

GOING: Firm (Good to Firm in places, watering). STALLS: Straight rourse -- centre; rest - inside ORAW ADVANTAGE: High from 54 to tra. Left-hand, tight course, with a one nile straight.

Recourse is off the A1085 (which is signposted from A60). Redear railway station (Darlington - Salthurn line). ADMISSION: Chib 5 (3; Paddock 58 (OAPs 53.50); Course 52.50 (OAPs £) 25). CAR PARES Prec.

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BLINKEREI) FIRST TIME: None. STANDARD FLED I LINES HOW.
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: MIII End Lady (4.45) was at Thursk last Saturday, Souperficial | 1.45) won at Nottingham last

LONG DISTANCE KUNNERS: Miss Romance (3.40) sent 329 miles room Missi Gay Kelleway's Whiteombe stable in Dorset; Domble Up 14.15) & Moscow Mist (3.10) and 313 miles from Lady Herries's Anguering Park stable in was Sisser; Ajayib (2.40) & Kichisaga (3.10) sent 310 miles from J Duniop's Arundel stable in West

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| | 2 | 10 | BEDALE SELLING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 2YO 6F |
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| | 3 | 6045 | THE BEE MAN (17) M W Exsicity 811 & Parish (5) 16 |
| | 4 | D | WHO (17) T Easterby 8 11 |
| | 5 | 1726 | BONSEL (14) J FitsGerald 88 Floring 9 |
| | | | DANCE MELOCY (57) G Discord 86 Dale Gibson 7 |
| | 6 | | DANCING STAR (15) P Evers 8 8 |
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| | 8 | 54440 | LITTLE BLUE (11) T Easterby 8 6 Less 8 |
| | 9 | 3065 | MY GERT. [7] J Berry 8 8 Fertine 2 |
| | 10 | 54 | PETRINE GROLY (25) 7 Existedy 8 6 |
| | | ~ | SKEPPY WAS A KINK (50) A Javes 8 8 |
| | 11 | | SOVIET LADY (S) J t Eyes 88 |
| | 12 | 03635 | SOVIET LAUT (24) 11 CHE 00 |
| | 11 | 500 | SUPERBOOTS (19) W Haigh 88 I. Newton (5) 11 |
| | 14 | 430 | TEMELY TOUCH (23) M Electry 8 6 Dames McFlatt (3) 14 |
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| | | | Scalet Lady, 9-2 Back in The User, 7-1 Petrice Gray, 8-1 The |
| | DET | TDHC 7.7 | CANNET I BOX 2-5 DESKED HIS ASSET 1-4 LOSSING SPORTS AND ADDRESS. |

See Mas, Bonsiel, 10-1 Antares, Little Sive, 12-1 others 2.40 EBF SIMMINGTON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO Tillies 7f 2 ADIQUE (USA) (42) J Duniop 8 11 G Faulister (7) 1 4 DANCING QUEEN (15) M Bell 8 11...... D LAGURA BAY 59 A Janes 8 12

SODER (5) 7 MES 8 11....

SETTING: 4-7 Ajayib, 9-4 Denning Queen, 7-1 Soden, 12-1 Laguna Say

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| [3 | 3.10 | ROTHMANS CHALLENGE SERIES HAND- ICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added 1m |
| 1 | 10-0686 | NI CHI SAGA (USA) (14) J Dunlop 4 9 13 |
| 2 | 314601 | SAFAN (20) (2) D Morrs 7 8 11 C Hodgson B V |
| 8 | 22-0041 | MOSCOW MIST (f) (D) Lady Homes 5 9 11 |
| 4 | 540010 | MICHT WHEN (USA) (11) (CD) & L Moore 4 9 8 Familing 8 |
| 5 | 010400 | NEGA (USA) (9) (CD) M Johnston 4 9 8 |
| 8 | 014345 | MAPLE BITY (6) (D) A Binley 7 82 6 Facilities (7) 20 |
| 7 | 2F8402 | WENTEREDGE LAD (5) (D) P Sens 88 11 |
| 8 | 400435 | SPECIAL-K (20) (C) (D) E Weynes 4 8 5 |
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ute: 7st 10th, True handcop weight: Glades Athorne 7st 7th. BETTING: 5-2 Moscow Mist, 6-1 Saltan, 6-1 NI Chi Saga, 6-1 Night Web Special-K, 10-1 Ninks, Wantbridge Lad, 12-1 others

| 3 | 3.40 | MARY REVELEY CLUB CLAIMING STAKE (CLASS F) £3,500 added 3YO 1m 2f |
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| 1 | 263 | PRISH SEA (USA) (42) D Nichols 8 7 |
| 2 | | MESS ROMANCE (15) Mess Gay Kelleway 9 2 Portone |
| 3 | | TIROLS TYRANT (29) Mrs A Sembera 8 13 Faculty 8 |
| 4 | 00-2603 | IRISH OASIS (40) 8 Rothwell 8 12 |
| 5 | 000-6 | RIE MAC (15) M Belly 8 8 Newton (5) |
| 8 | 040-085 | CLUED UP (5) P Brans 8 4 FEgin |
| 7 | 54-0245 | THE FOR A GLASS (A) D Mothet 8 2 Derron Mothett (A) |
| 8 | 400400 | MY KIND (17) N Tride 80 |
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—8 declared —
BETTIME: 7-4 high Sea, 7-2 Miss Romance, 8-1 My Kind, 8-1 Time For A
Glass, 7-1 Cloud Up, 8-1 Time Tyrast, 10-1 others

| 2 | 1.15 | DRANSFIELD CHI HOMES HANDICAL (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 2f |
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| 1 | 4233-U4 | RED VALERIAN (32) G Moore 58 10 F Eden 4 5 |
| 2 | | EFIZIA (49) (C) (D) 8 Moore 6813 Portuge (|
| 3 | | DOUBLE UP (12) (D) Lady Hernes 3 8 12 |
| 4 | 345035 | DR EDGAR (7) (D) M Dods 4 8 11 1 Charnock 8 |
| 5 | 014111 | MAZELIA (b) (D) A Specier 4 8 11 W.J. O'Connor 2 |
| 8 | 200530 | LANGFORMAN (7) J L Eyro 7 7 10 |
| | | - 2 declared - |

Minimum weight 7st 10th. True handcap weight Languman 7st 2th. BETTING: 5-4 Marlin, 4-1 Double Up, 6-1 Red Valorian, 6-1 Ettin, 7-1 Dr Edgar, 20-1 Langs A AE GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP

| | | .45 | (CLASS F) £3,450 added 6f |
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| | 1 | 051312 | THWOVAS (327) (D) (SF) F Watson 4 9 13 |
| | 2 | 505240 | SOUND THE TRUMPET (25) 8 Space 4 9 7 It Variey (3) 5 |
| | 3 | 003041 | SOUPERFICIAL (A) (D) J Gover 597 (Text. W J O'Connor 13 \ |
| | Δ | | MAJURATY PASTOL (USA) (US) (D) P Exans 4 8 3 |
| • | 5 | | CAMBONNEUR (10) (D) (SF) T Easterby 3 9 1 Loves 4 5 |
| | 6 | 055630 | DENSBEN (5) (CD) Denys Smm 12 8 13 |
| | 7 | | BLAZRIC BP (16) W Control am 3 8 11 D Section (7) 3 |
| | 8 | | SWETY NETY (7) W Hagh 388 |
| | ğ | 0.00001 | MILL SHO LADY (7) (D) M W Easterby 3 8 7 Dale Gibson 8 8 |
| | 10 | | MU-ARRIK (25) (CD) 8 Oktopd 8 8 6 G Parkin (5) 10 6 |
| | 11 | | SALLYOREALLY (7) W Storey 5 8 4 J Familie 2 |
| | 11 | | TUTU SIXTYSIX (S) Don Errico Incisa 5 7 12 IGn Thilder 7 8 |
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| | | | BAGAZZO (23) I Warnerght 8 7 10 L Charnock 8 (|
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HYPERION 2.06 Captain William 2.35 Mister Westbound 3.05 Triple leaf 3.35 Celebration Cake 4.05 Domoor

4.35 Cutthroat Kid GOING: Good: ORAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 5f & 6f. GOUNG: GOOD. DEAW ADTAIN LEVIS LOW TO BE OF STALLS: Straight course — for side; round course — omside.

I left-hand course. Course cest of town on A758. Admission (https://doi.org/10.1001/j.j.). Car Park: Free. Chib \$12; Grandstand \$7 (OAPs half-price). Car Park: Free.

BLINEERED FIRST TIME: Detachment (2.35).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: My Gallery (3.35) won at Checker on Sentiay: Milestrian City (4.05) won at Carlisie on Monday; Celebration Cake (3.35) won at Hamilton on Thursday. cby; Celebration Cake (3.35) won at Hamilton on Thursday. LONG-DINTANCE EUNNERS: Pallocky (2.05) & Affredo Affredo LONG-DINTANCE EUNNERS: Pallocky (2.05) & Affredo Affredo (1.06) sent (1.38 miles by J Dunlop from Arandel, West Sussex.

| | | THE RESERVE ASSESSMENT |
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| | | STAR FORM MEDIAN AUCTION MALUE STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2YO 7 STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2YO 7 SCAPE (STAKES) |
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| 12 | | CTAKES (CLASS E) TATALO COLOR COLOR |
| | | STAKES (CLASS E) 2-2-2-3 S Copp (9) RECTURE LIFE (12) Mrs M Floridy 80 S Copp (9) F Norton |
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| 5 | SETTING: 3-1 The Fly, 7-2 Patio Sty, 5-1 Hargin Threes, 6-1 Darge, 8-1 C tain William, 10-1 Fency A Fortime, 12-1 Leuticus, 16-1 others | 4 |
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| ſ | O DE HAY & ANDERSON HANDICAP (CLASS | _ |
| _ | tale William, 10-1 Fancy A Fortune, 12-1 Leathcas, 16-1 others 2.35 HAY & ANDERSON HANDICAP (CLASS £5,500 added 6f | |
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3.05 JOHN MAGUIRE EVENING TIMES MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 2f

......F Nortee 7 O TRIPLE LEGIP (16) (BF) J Goscien 3 8 11. J Carroll 10 43 UPPER GALLERY (7) P Casopie Hyam 3 8 11. R Bautin (5) 8 2 OPAL IPARE (12) M Strute 3 8 6 12 DO JAMESTER SUR (120) O 1933 O On. AMERICAN SUR (5) 8 V — 12 declared — BETTERE; 9-4 Opel Jenel, 4-1 Triple Lasp, 9-2 Alfrado Alfredo, 5-2 Liyauen, 8-1 Upper Callory, 10-1 Shiding Son, 20-1 Jungle Freek, 33-1 others

3.35 DAILY STAR OF SCOTLAND HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 1m

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Minimum weight: 7st 10th, True handkap weights: Globy 7st 6th, Public Way 7st 4th, Hatchies ledy 7st 1th, Swandhie Plyer 6st 11th. 190; 3-1 My Gallery, 6-1 Tisses Of Lies, 7-1 Knobblessesse, 8-1 Ocean a, Gatherine's Choice, 16-1 others 4.05 AYR FLOWER SHOW SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS F) £4,200 added 7f 050006 BOURDARY BIRD (5) M Johnson 9 6. J D Seekh (3) 10 8
030000 CORNICLE QUEST (5) M Charron 8 6. A Edday (7) 7
06510 QUEST RANKE (5) J J O'Neal 9 4 . G Burdwall 4
22000 DOMOOR (15) (D) M Johnson 8 13 . J Wanner 5
001044 MED'S CONTESSA (16) (D) M Dots 8 13 . S Copp (6) 3
202200 SES GARDER (8) T Easterly 8 11 . R Handin (5) 9 8
005030 ROCKY STREAM (15) R Wincher 8 10 . F Northen 1
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040003 MADDINAM A ROSSI (17) M Dots 8 5 . T Sprains 11
085000 EMPETITE (15) N BOOTH 8 2 . Martin Dayer (5) 8
0840- BRAESYOSHELDHALL (837) A Basiny 7 12 . D Wright (3) 11
0655 PHILIGAN (25) C Farinst 7 11 . N Recently 8

-15 declared-BETTING: 9-4 Miletrian City, 5-1 Domoor, 6-1 Globe Runner, 7-1 others 4.35 PORTLAND AMATEUR RIDERS HANDI-CAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 7f 125112 JANNA SHIRL (9) (JUL 10/15 2) 11 JANNA DIGES JOHNA 3 000012 CLAQUE (35) O'Creprin 4 10 7 January 10/16 8 Cards 8 8 60-0442 PEPRIST (21) M Harmond 5 10 8 January 10/16 C Benner 4 063066 NOSEY MOTHE (8) J PRICES 3 10 1 JANNA (Persons 7 000000 JANNA (1985) N Chamberton 4 9 7 January (4) 9 8 000000 REPUINCEN (385) N Chamberton 4 9 7 January (4) 9 8 055/8 VALLANT DASH (1885) J Garbe 10 9 7 January 16 Problem 7

Minimum weight: 9st 77b, True handicap weights: Jabaroot 9st 25b, Kraingen 8st 13b, Vollert Dach 8st 13b. BETTING: 5-2 See Freedom, 3-1 Cattirent 104, 5-1 Arien, Spirit, 7-5 others

HAYDOCK

3.50 Crowded Avenue 2.15 Snap Crackle Pop 4.20 Well Warned 2.45 Intidab (nb) 4.50 Deano's Beeno 3.15 Ela-Aristokrati

GODEG: Good to Pirm. STALLS: 1m - livede: remainder - outside.

ORAW ADVANTAGE: High by 51 to 60; Low Irom 76 30yds to 1m 40yds.

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Course is peer junction of A'80 and Mt. Newton station two miles away. ADMISSION: Course is peer junction of A'80 and Mt. Newton Stand 5 1.00 (OAPs half-price in Tattersalls and Newton Stand). CAR PARK: Free.

LEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS; J Duniop - 26 winners from 112 runners 22 arms of 23.2% giving a return to a 51 level stake of +511.10; J Gooden - 23 winners, 36 runners, 21.2%, +52.74; J Berry - 17 winners, 186 runners, 9.18%, 638 (2); O Billie - 14 winners, 86 runners, 21.2%, +52.74; E Hollinshand - 11 winners, 166 runners, 8.45%, 507.66; A McMahom - 11 winners, 121 runners, 9.18%, 537.76; E Hammon - 10 winners, 101 runners, 9.91%, 537.76; E Hammon - 10 winners, 210 runners, 9.91%, 537.76; E Hammon - 10 winners, 210 runners, 11.5%, 537.76; E Hammon - 10 winners, 210 runners, 11.5%, 537.76; E Hammon - 10 winners, 210 runners, 11.5%, 537.76; E Hammon - 10 winners, 210 runners, 11.5%, 537.76; E Hammon - 17 winners, 11.5%, 537.76; E Hammon - 17 wi

| 2 | .15 | WRIGHTS OF HORWICH MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2YO 5f |
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| 6 | 50 | SPARKLING HARRY (28) Mr.s I C Sciculi Med L Scicul 8 3 Dann McNaown |
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| 2 | 2.45 | HARVEY JONES RATED HANDICAP (CLASS C) EBC1 £7,650 added 1m 30yds |
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| 2 | 5.14500 | APPRINGS OPEN (16) ID: (knelling Ramsden) Mr. J Rameden 49.3 |
| 3 | 1.23301 | FOURTRY (12) (D) (J R Good) M Johnston 5 8 11 |
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| 9 | 62 100 | MASHIDON (USA) (14) (D) (B E Nicker) D Looer 3 8 5 |
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FORM CURDE

The improving Newmarket three-year-olds BINDAB and Elmi Elmik will comer much of
the betting interest, but are difficult to weigh up. They are babies in terms of expenence,
but they may not be too overward in a field of only rine for a handcap that is not wist
if was, When Side Track won in 1980, the pure money was more than it is today, 16
years on. Luca Cuman's expertise with three-year old handcappers means the twee-raced
film Elmak must be feared, but the kempton maden in which he was second on his debut does not represent strong from. He won casely at Ay Ext month, but beet kittle, inbutable credentials appear stronger even though his only race this year resulted in a 10-1
on demolition of five mouden mals at Thrask (77). The form of last season's York than to
Red Robbo and Sasuru suggests he might have what it takes given that he will improve
for today's tip of a mile. Nastrudin has been unable to make on impact in two good handcaps since a maden win at Ripon in June, but he can't be ruled out of this. It wills in
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NASH HOUSE has a vocationous fan club in Lambourn and it potentially smart, even d he Derby treat run in the Dente States at York in May turned out to be a disaster. He was sed state after the race and a bad virol infection was diagnosed Even so, the way his crossed up to the leaders halfway up the straight created a strong impression, even if the race was run at a take gallop. He won as he liked at Newbury imadent in Apal, fulfilling the prediction of work-watchers, but that race was several must below today's test. He strikes as the type to go well flesh but in its possible both he and divory of Daecer first run since his Derby fourth will be vulnerable to race-fit opponents. The fact that Glory of Dancer was only two and a half lengths sheed of Nesh House at York suggests there is little between them, but Glory of Dancer is much more the proven horse and this detended ten furings tools spot-on for him. Week-A-Milaute seems up against it, but the others are all simar and there is a tot to like about likely to lity heart who will expose any fitness or ability flaws in the opposition. He has had five weeks to freshen up, which is just the toket, and this winner of the 1994 Yorkshire Cup has recently taken the Old Newton Cup on this course. Elea-Aristocath has joined Luca Cuman from Michael Stoute and won a very valuable Epsom handicap on his first run for his new stable. He followed up with an honourable fourth in the Eclope and is preferred to Tamenyux, Achairme and Capitath Horstline.

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| 11 | | HOLLIN HARRY (40) (D) (Sir Neil Westbrook) T Easterby 4 8 10 | |
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CROWDED AVENUE is still being asked a question by the handicapper, but he did win
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Ying George Stakes at Goodwood lost time. Three is no doubt that has retained all has
ability from lest year and there must be a realistic chance of connections stinding a List
ed or Group Three race for him in due course. He is drawn close to the stands' rail and
will get the fast pace that suits him. He also has a good target to aim is in the shape of
Laurel Deligits who much deserved his recent Newcastle win after good runs at Doncaster and York when placed in handicappe which lectured sourcial key mast tree. Lourel
Deligit could have a cracking slot in dan doubt have a cracking slot in dan daw 21 although the low-drawn runners with have
a say if the ground retains some bounce. See-Deer is an honest handcapper with an eachway chence, while the hendicapper is finding it hard to keep Labs on Tedburrow whose
first wan 119941 was in a Musselburgh chamer. Lord High Admiral has won three times
here, but younger horses like Legis DI Variano, Youdonbary, Jucosa and Mousehole scent
more likely to take a hand and the pack of the quarter could be Youdonbary, who is worth
a saver as one of the better prospects among those drawn low and it worth becoming in
mind when put over six furfiongs, too.

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Verglas faces a tough task

Verglas, the impressive winner of the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot, faces two British raiders in tomorrow's Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes at Leopard-

The Prix Robert Papin winoer Ocean Ridge and Muchea will challeoge for the Group One contest, which has been won by a British runner nine times in the last 11 runnings.



CHARITY SHIELD: Double winners back at Wembley

Shearer ensures global interest

Alan Shearer and the Toon Army are in disagreement. As far as Shearer is concerned, tomorrow's FA Charity Shield is an irrelevance compared to next week's Premiership opener at Goodison Park.

Tell that to the Newcastle supporters. They were looking forward to this match even before Shearer came home. It is 20 years since they have been to Wemhley, long enough to persuade many to cheer Manchester United's double because it meant Newcastle, as Premiership runners-up, would contest the Shield.

Newcastle's tast Wemhley memory does not quite date back as far as lace-up balls and waxed moustaches, but it was in the days when the Football League Cup was unsponsored and Manchester City won trophies - they won that 1976 final through Dennis Tueart's spectacular overhead kick. Newcastle's last Wembley win was in lace-up times, 1955, when Jackie Milburn scored in the 3-1 FA Cup win over Manchester City.

It is the arrival of Milburn's latest successor, Shearer, which has lifted this match out of a private Novocastrian party to an international event. Manchester United may be so hlasé about Wemhley as to request less than a full ticket allocation but the rest of us want to see how Shearer settles in.

The player himself expects goals to be harder to come by.
With due respect to the lads at Blackburn it was my job to get the goals there," he said. "Here at Newcastle we have so many other players capable of scoring I might struggle to get anywhere

near the 30-mark. Who he plays with will be almost as interesting as how he plays. Les Ferdinand missed last night's match at Lincoln with flu but he is expected to start if fit. That could mean both Peter Beardsley and Faustino Asprilla beginning the season on the bench. It is unlikely that the latter, at least, will be prepared to stay there for long.

Newcastle have a point to prove in the traditional opener to the English season. **Glenn Moore** reports

Philippe Albert, who has a back injury, is Newcastle's only other doubt although Robbie Elliott has been left out following his transfer talks with Blackhurn Rovers.

Such is the fuss surrounding Shearer it is almost forgotten that the champions have been busy in the transfer market signing a clutch of foreigners. They include one of the stars of Euro 96, the Czech Karel Poborsky, and Johan Cruyff's son, Jordi.

They should all be on the bench tomorrow as Ferguson hinted that he would start this season with most of the team which finished the last. Paul Scholes is expected to replace Andy Cole, who has pneumonia, while Gary Neville may come into defence.

Ferguson warned that no one would retain their place all season. "I never use the term dropping players, but you have got to ease them in and out very carefully with a programme like the one we face.

"Bryan Robson, when he was here, wanted to play in every match but it's just not possible. He used to argue with me but, looking back, I think he knows I was right. It is something that Jordi Cruyff already knows. The Premier League is just too hard and obysical for players to play every game. Our intention is to go for

everything this season. The European Champions' Cup is the pinnacle but we aim to stay near enough the top of the league to make that a realistic aim in the last couple of weeks as well."

The FA Cup final winner, Erie Cantona, missed last sea-son's Charity Shield - he was still hanned - but has done well in the past. He scored one of the goals which beat Blackburn in 1994 and struck a stunning er Shearer's big toe.

hat-trick in Leeds' defeat of Liverpool two years earlier. That fixture echoed the first

Wemhley Charity Shield in 1974. That meeting was made infamous by a fight between Kevin Keegan and Billy Bremner. Keegan, who threw off his shirt upon the inevitable dismissal, was reminded of it this week when he said "these fixtures are just friendlies".

"Not too friendly that day, he agreed. Neither was last year's snarling scrap between Everton and Blackburn. This should he played in a

better spirit though there is more at stake than just pride. Newcastle need a good performance. They have not beaten Manchester United in six matches since returning to the showed last spring, when it comes down to the wire belief can tin the halance. Manchester United have fea-

tured in 15 Shields, winning eight, including the first in 1908, and sharing four. Newcastle have lost four - including a 4-2 defeat to Manchester United in 1952 - and won once, in 1909, against Northampton.

In those days the match was between the winners of the Football League and the Southern League. It has come a long way since then, and raised millions of pounds for charity. Last year, which was poorly attended, raised £273,000. The 40-plus beneficiaries included the Birmingham Royal Institute for the Blind, Turning Point and the Police Benevolent fund.

This is the most public of many charitable works by footballers and football clubs and the benefits will be gratefully received. Even so, given the game's current wealth, consideration should be given to turning over all the expected £1.2m receipts to charity. Only a third is passed on, Wembley (for whom charity always begins at home) take their customary third and the teams share a similar sum. In Newcastle's case, that should just about cov-



Gianluca Vielli, Chetsea's Italian striker (right), tussles with Sampdoria's Sinisa Mihajlovic in night. Vialli scored the opening goal after 17 minutes in Chelsea's 2-1 win over their hosts Genoa on Thursday

Poles stung by Welsh courage

They were still not quite sure vesterday in the tiny mid-Wides village of Llansamffraid-ym-Mechain whether their No 1 European football hero was a plumber, a bricklaver or a nightcluh bouncer.

What they did know was that the local part-timers from the League of Wales have every chance of writing a chapter of football folklore when they lly out in two weeks' time for the second leg of their European Cup-Winners' Cup qualifying round tie against Ruch Chorzow, who have won the Polish

League 14 times. Llansantffraid's collection of £30-a-week footballers held Chorzow to a 1-1 draw at the Racecourse Ground, Wreyham, on Thursday. Seven minutes from the end of a game in which the Poles promised to scrape through to a narrow victory by virtue of Dariusz Gesior's carly header, the ball appeared - as if by magic - in the back of the Polish team's net.

Most of the 1.558 crowd who had left the tiny village near Oswestry deserted for the day believed big centre-half Arwel Jones - a plumber by day - had applied the crucial finishing touch in the 83rd minute, but the Icelandic referee ruled it was an own goal by Gesior. Graham Breeze, Llansantf-

fraid's manager and the local newspaper editor said: "We will go to Poland in two weeks' time with all guns hlazing for the second leg. After this, I certainly can't see why we won't get a result.

"We are obviously up against a much better team. They are quicker and sharper than us, and when we went a goal down so early I feared the worst, But our boys just rolled up their sleeves and kept battling. And what happened shows what you can do if you really want it."
It will cost Llansantffraid

(population of 954 at the last count) hetween £7,000 and £8,000 to get to Poland to face a crowd of 20,000. But with a Uefa grant and the takings from last night's crowd, they will,

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■ We are skint. We are have no sponsorship and we are selling the gear to have a night out. There is nothing wrong with that after four years' hard training. Two of Britain's Olympic divers, Tony Ali and Robert Morgan, justify selling their team kit on the streets of Atlanta. The championship is over. I want to die. Diego

Maradona after missing his fifth consecutive penalty, playing for Boca Juniors against Racing Club. Boca lost 1-0.

When I go there will be an enormous gaping hole that won't be filled. Linford Christie complains about lack of government funding for his sport.

I'll always be a sheet metal worker's son from Newcastle. Alan Shearer introduces himself to the adoring Geordie public.

Nine on the mind of the Old Firm Plymouth sign

League season, which kicks off er he caught again. Between today, started several weeks ago for some supporters of Celtic and Rangers: those fanatics who daily stand and stare at Celtic Park and Ibrox waiting for a glimpse of the heroes in whom they will invest their emotional well-being over the next 10 months.

This season, the equation is dominated by the number nine as Rangers attempt to equal Celtic's record nine-in-a-row run of the 1960s and 70s. Celtic. equally, are determined to preserve their achievement.

The fans have jammed newspaper phone lines praising their favourites or sneering at the enemy, their reaction giving an indication that this will be, for the hig two, an intense season.

The hest way, some would say the only way, to assess the kind of campaign that awaits is to look to the turf accountants. Their figures have Rangers as favourites at 2-5 for the title, with Celtic a close second at 2-

The annual report on the finances of Scottish football, published this week by Price Waterbouse, shows Celtie and Rangers moving further away

Only in Glasgow would hundreds of people stand for hours staring at bricks. The Scottish rest that the big two might nevthem the Glasgow clubs boast almost as many seats as the other eight combined and, given their commercial bases, they can only continue to prosper.

Despite evidence to the contrary, which includes league records last season of Rangers and Celtic losing just seven games between them. Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, believes his side faces a tough time, however,

"It may be a case this year that there will be extra nerves and we have to handle a bit more pressure than would normally be there. The indica-

David McKinney asks: Is there life beyond Rangers and Celtic?

> tions were that Celtic and ourselves were well ahead of the others, hut no two seasons are the same. Hearts and Aberdeen had excellent European results in the week, indicating they could he up for the challenge. Rangers and Celtie have to maintain the standards they set last year, hut that could be

> "I hope the nine-in-a-row doesn't prey on the minds of my players, yet it's something we want to use as a form of moti-

Heart of Midothian

watch we don't get too carried and we are as determined as the On the other side of the city, Tommy Burns, the Celtic man-

ager, who has brought in Paolo Di Canio and Alan Stubbs for the challenges ahead, has told the Celtic fans exactly what they wanted to hear. Before his club's friendly with Arsenal last week, Burns, addressing 47,000 supporters, told them: We will give until it hurts." Burns, imhued with a sense

of the cluh's history, is well aware of the importance of this season, as is Peter Grant, the midfield veteran, who assured supporters that the players will do everything in their power to win the Championship. We

SCOTLAND'S MAJOR SUMMER TRANSFERS Motherwell

Raith Rovers

vation, although we have to know exactly what this means, record stays intact."

Beyond the Old Firm spotlight, the prospects for the other eight clubs would appear to involve little more than the chance of a good cup run, al-though Hearts have made reasonable strides towards hecoming more competitive by the signing of three players, including Jeremy Goss from Norwich. Aberdeen, who can be expected to contest third place with Hearts, know they will have to improve on last scason, when they finished 28

tional, will be their key man for the season. The future will inevitably demand that Rangers and Celtie seek out new frontiers, such as a British League, and, given the increased fiscal pressures on all clubs, such a move could come sooner rather than

points behind Celtic. Ilian Kiri-

akov, the Bulgarian interna-

In the meantime if you feel particularly hrave or foolish, a het on Dunfermline, Kilmarriock or Raith Rovers to win the title would give a 500-1 return - the same price as confirmation of the existence of the Loch Ness Monster...

Grobbelaar became another post-Bosman

Bruce Grobbelaar, who is due to appear in court in January over match-fixing allegations. has joined Plymouth Argyle. writes Mark Burton.

The 38-year-old Zimbabwe international, who was released by Southampton this summer, has signed a 12-month contract. Grobbelaar, who made more than 600 appearances for Liverpool, will play for the newly promoted Second Division club against Manchester City in today's friendly match at Home

Argyle's manager, Neil Warnock, was keen to sign him for what he expects to be a difficult season for Plymouth. "I realise he has got problems but what matters most is what he does on the pitch," Warnock said.
The problem the Leeds Unit-

ed manager, Howard Wilkinson. faces is that Tony Yeboah will not be doing anything on the pitch for a while. The Ghanaian international striker will undergo an exploratory operation early next week on the knee injury that kept him out of action late last season. "It is not possible to say how many games Tony will miss," Wilkinson said. Motherwell's Paul Lambert

Scottish export yesterday when he joined the German champions, Borussia Dortmund, on a three-year contract after impressing their coach, Ottmar Hitzfeld, in two trial periods. Lambert left the Premier Division club on freedom of contract to move to the Continent. Ivano Bonetti, the former Ju-

ventus and Torino midfielder. whose dressing-room row with the manager, Brian Laws, led to him leaving Grimsby Town, has signed a 12-month contract with Tranmere Rovers after weeks of talks.

The Wolves manager, Mark McGhee, expects right-back Serge Romano to sign a oneyear contract at Molineux on Monday. Romano, who is available on a free transfer from Martigues, played on trial in

Wolves' pre-season matches. The Liverpool defender Neil Ruddock has been fined £2.000 by the FA's disciplinary com-mittee and warned about his future conduct for exceeding 45 disciplinary points last season. Aimé Jacquet, who coached France in Euro 96, will continue to lead them in the 1998 World Cup finals, which they host.

Like a good wine, or Gordon Strachan, Rothmans seems to get better with age, but it is not always in demand for reasons you might expect

This close season has been the closest ever. The curtain has been down just 41 days on Euro 96 and we are already gearing up for the "curtain raiser to the new season", as the hilling of tomorrow's Charity Shield reads. However, as those of us who earn our grubby shilling writing about the heautiful game will tell you, the real curtain raiser to every new season is the launch of the Rothmans Football Yearbook, now in

its 27th edition. Like a good wine, or Gordon Strachan, Rodimans seems to get better with age (last year it sold 37,000 copies and was on the best-seller list for six months), but it is not always in demand for the reasons you might expect. Charlie Buchan, then a football reporter on The Guardian. recalls this tale from his trip to Simferopol in March 1982 for the first

and the owner was muttering to us. The Russians on the next table explained, in perfect English, that she was asking us not to smoke. It transpired this Russian had been living in Bolton and he ended up act-

ing as our tour guide." After the game (a 0-0 draw; Villa won the second leg 2-0 and went on to win the trophy) Buchan de-cided to thank the Russian for his hospitality by giving him a copy of Rothmans. "We met in nearby park locals were not allowed in tourist hotels] and, as I was handing the book over, three policeman jumped out of the hushes and arrested him. The following day he contacted me to explain they had confiscated the book, before abandoning him at the opposite end of the city where there

was no public transport." It would be nice to think it was leg of Aston Villa's European Cup the Simferopol coppers love of tie with Dynamo Kiev (it was too football that forced them to take cold in the Crimea to stage the such drastic measures to obtain a game). We were having a shot of copy of Rothmans. The simple truth vodka in a local har hefore the game is that they thought Buchan was giv-

ing the Russian a copy of the hible. Which, in a sense, he was. Because Rothmans is the football bible. In fact I would go so far to say that those in the trade swear by it, use it - as Jim Rosenthal put it at the launch on Thursday - "as a friend and an ally in times of need" (that is lack of knowledge). In fact I hleat "Where's the Rothmans?" so frequently during the season and find

it is being used so often, that within weeks of each edition's launch, it has grown dog-cared and wellworn, its loose pages put back at ran-dom so that Port Vale's statistics appear next to Burnley's, or Oxford's fixtures end up next to Crewe's. Such defacements seldom detract from Rothmans' appeal, however, even if some people do find strange uses for their copies. When f first met Walter Smith, the Rangers manager was dipping chunks of bread into a bowl of bright red tomaOlivia Blair



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precariously on top of a copy of Rothmans. It was not his usual use for the book, he assured me; like most managers Smith would not be without it (although he obviously didn't spend his summer scouring the players listed in Rothmans, judging by Ibrox's latest recruits). David Pleat's use for the book is more bato soup (a rather meagre meal giv-en the grandiose surroundings of his Ibrox office) which was balanced sic: "If my wife has a headache," the Sheffield Wednesday manager

have a headache, I read Rothmans." John Motson is a man with a greater need for Rothmans than

most. In fact Motty was recently photographed for a newspaper article clad in trademark sheepskin jacket. clutching a copy of Rothmans. "It sums up what I think of the book." says the nearest thing to a human equivalent of Rodumans. "It's the first book I turn to: there's nothing else like it. ft's a great compliment that others have tried to imitate it, and

The BBC commentator boasts two complete sets of Rothmans, worth between £250-£300 each at today's prices. The most expensive and desirable edition is the first, which fetches up to £70; other editions in demand (1972/73, 1974/75 and 1977/78) sell for anything between £20 and £40. John Eastwood of the Extra Cover bookshop in London, NW5, says he recently sold a complete set to a man claiming to be America's only full-time soccer says, "she'll take a pill. If I writer" and another to a Chinese

"Peking's only British-speaking com-Not even Rothmans' executive ed-

itor, Jack Rollin, who has worked on the books since 1972, owns a complete set. Rollin first produced the editions on a lone typewriter: now he says he could not do it alone. He and his editor daughter, Glenda (a lifelong fan of the Icis League Division One side Aldershot Town, sadly not granted much space in Rothmans) started work on the 28th edition three weeks before the 27th was even printed. "If you get behind, you're finished," Rollin admits. "From May onwards we work seven days a week."

It is bang up-to-date, too. Alan Shearer's transfer, which took place three days before the edition was published, is included.

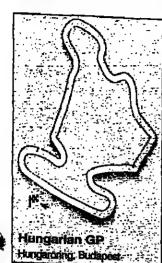
Generally each addition adheres to a tried and trusted format. When Rollin rang the changes last year by putting the players in an A-Z directory after the chih listings, there football...

man who introduced himself as was an outcry. We've never had such a huge response over anything before. The chairman of one First Division club rang me and said we'd lose the support of the industry (that club subsequently rang me for the dates of the signings of six of their players so we couldn't have fallen too. far from grace). I thought people who bought the book loved football generally, but it appears that most of them are just interested in reading about their club. Football has always been resistant to change, and

Rothmans is no exception. But as we start a new season, in which we have to get used to the Endsleigh Football League being Nationwide, and put up with Littiewoods being stuck in front of anything that used to he sacrosunct in the game, it is nice to know that one thing about Rothmans is never likely to change: its name. Few people ask to buy a copy of the Rothmans Football Yearbook, they simply ask for Rothmans. Anything else just isn't

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Williams prepare for constructors' crown Salford close



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Motor racing

DERICK ALLSOP reports from Budanest

The Ferrari was out in front unchallenged for much of yesterday's session, but the Williams closed in and ultimately edged ahead. The history of the grand prix world championship had been encapsulated in one hour's

Tomorrow's Hungarian Grand Prix should confirm Williams' eighth constructors' championship, equalling Ferrari's record. That the Italian team have been there since the first season, 46 years ago, and set up his own team. His strug-the British half that time, moral-gles in the early days are now

ly tilts the balance in Williams'

Williams-Renault require only two points to retrieve the crown from Benetton-Renault and since Damon Hill and Jacques Villeneuve, first and second in the drivers' championship, were first and third yesterday, it is reasonable to assume only breakdowns would prevent their getting them. When Hill moved ahead of

Michael Schumacher by 0.022sec, watching and savour-ing, as usual, from his wheelchair was Frank Williams, the man who abandoned a career as a quick yet erratic driver to set up his own team. His strugoff, he ran the business from a

Williams expressed surprise that he had "bumbled" all the way to Ferrari's landmark. "I'll have a drink of tea on that," he said yesterday. He was per-haps luckiest of all to be joined, in 1977, by an equally gifted, am-bitious racing freak called Patrick Head, whose particular

talent was designing cars.
The pair have been together ever since and, like most team men, they glean greater satisfaction from success in the constructors' championship than in the drivers' category. Williams, in particular, has always laid

part of motor racing folklore: stress on the contribution of his when his telephone line was cut engineers and designers, and did so again yesterday, possibly a timely reminder as Hill endeavours to negotiate a new

contract. Williams said: "I'm not bere for the driver's benefit. I'm here to enjoy myself and keep up my living. Drivers come and go but the team, hopefully, are here forever."

Williams has been confined to a wheelchair since a road accident, 10 years ago, but never relinquished his hold on team affairs. Some have suggested the disability threw his attention to the job into even sharper focus.

"I've not been aware of that." he said. "The accident was a bit knee. You get up, dust yourself

Here, on this tight, twisting circuit, where overtaking is well nigh impossible, Schumacher, the reigning champi-on, just might have a chance. If he can make the front row of the grid, if he can start well, it he can get to the first corner in front If....

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to realising Super dream

Rugby League

Andy Gregory and his Salford Reds are set to realise their Super League dream. They need just one point from their last three games to make sure of another First Division championship, and they will do that tomorrow if they avoid defeat at home to the second-placed

Keighley Cougars. While Keighley and several other First Division clubs are applying to be fast-tracked into the top flight, Salford have left nn doubt as to their credentials to join the hig boys. The Reds finished top of the First Division in the centenary season, but the Rugby Football League had already stated there would be nn promotion at the end of that last

winter campaign.

So Salford did not go up and their coach Gregory, the former Great Britain stalwart, said: That was possibly one of the higgest disappointments of my career as a player and as a coach. But I couldn't show the players I was upset. When you're a player you can show your emotions but, as a coach, if I was to let my head go down, it would have affected the players as well.

This will make up for that disappointment if we do it this time, and it's in our hands now. I know Keighley will be coming to try to spoil the party, " Gre-gory added, "I know we've got a bit of rebuilding to do for Super League. I've got to make sure that, once we are in Super League, we'll stay there."

The relegation places from the First Division could also be decided this weekend, with Batey and Rochdale likely to drop.

ground and name as they aim for the Super League next season. The First Division outfit. who seem certain to miss out on the one automatic promotion place, could move in with Burnley FC and play their firstteam games at Turf Moor to achieve their dream. If that happened, they would look at the possibility of becoming the Pennine Chugars to coincide with the switch of venues.

Keighley's plan was put to the chief executive of the Rugby Football League, Maurice Lindsay, in a meeting at the sport's headquarters in Leeds. The Cougars chief executive, Kevan Halliday-Briwn, confirmed yesterday: "We want to make a submission for fast-tracking, but we are not going to be able to bring this chih up to the standard required in 'Framing the Future'.

"That's the initial problem, so as we are unable to secure frechold ownership of this ground here, we have to consider playing our first-team games somewhere else.

"An alternative proposal was put to Maurice Lindsay, suggesting that we netain Cougar Park as our administrative headquarters and develop it as a sort of centre of excellence for youth development. We would play A-team and Academy games here. with our Super League games being played at an alternative venue, possibly Turf Moor.

Burnley have excellent facilities and, if we can get permission to play our games there. attracting probably the biggest attendance in Super League.

"The current capacity at Cougar Park falls slightly below the minimum required, which is 10,000, and we've got an old Ambitious Keighley Cougars stand which doesn't provide are considering a change of enough seats or enough cover." stand which doesn't provide

Sons of Kentucky playing on pride

Andy Farrell

meets two locals

shining in a state

starved of golf

ry said. "With my contacts, when

it gets overcast and late in the day I struggle to see the ball and I

can't read the greens as well. My

caddie helped me over the last

few holes and at the last I knew

it broke a lot from left to right.

I just picked a spot and wanted

to lag it down there. It fell in on

Born in Elizabethtown, Per-

ry lives in Franklin, a town of

10,000 people around 120 miles

south of Louisville, and cele-brates his 36th birthday today.

A former Kentucky High School

times on the Tour, Perry de-

signed, built, owns and operates

the back side of the hole."

It is 44 years since big-time golf came to the Bluegrass State, which is respectively eight and six years before the Kennickians Kenny Perry and Russ Cochran were born. If the locals of Louisville are enjoying their first glimpse of the Tour for a generation at the US PGA, Perry and Cochran are enjoying the novel experience of playing

in front of enthusiastic support. There were still a couple of bundred people around just before 9pm on Thursday as Perry finished his storm-interrupted first round. With dusk falling fast, the hooter to balt play for the evening had already gone as he approached his second shot to the last. "I really didn't want to come out in the morning just to hit one shot."

Perry hit a four-iron into the student who has won three front bunker, came out to 20 feet and rolled in the putt. The birdiefour equalled the course record

his own course, Country Creek of six-under 66 by the Valhalla de- GC, in his home town. He also signer Jack Nicklaus and Larry holds the course record there. Mize. "I couldn't see a lot," Per"It's a little hit of a different golf "It's a little hit of a different golf

Lane happy with opt-out

Barry Lane, who pulled out of Pinero, who leads at 13 the US PGA Championship to under par on 131, he is more that if you miss it is not much olay in the Hone Brucke Aus- than satisfied. trian Open in Litschau, is couthough he is four shots behind

vineed he made the right PGA because I wasn't playing decision. Lane shot a six under well enough." Lane said. Here, par 66 yesterday for a two I have been far more relaxed. I played two good rounds, which have given me a great the present leader, Spain's Juan deal of confidence."

course to Valhalla. I shot 60 on it one time," Perry said.

It is also different getting to play in a major championship in front of his home fans. They are living and dying on every shot you hit, and so am I. It's pretty nerve-racking. It's neat to finally get a tournament in Kentucky. You saw how they all turned out for the practice rounds. This state has been starved of golf. To win a major in my own backyard would be the icing on the cake. I'd probably just quit; it wouldn't get any better than that."

Cochran agreed with the sentiment. After having to go back to the Qualifying School at the end of last year to regain his US Tour card, the left-hander from Puducah only qualified for the US PGA with a second-place finish two weeks ago. Yesterday he started his second round two strokes behind Perry, after the first-round leader added a level-par 72. Perry managed to get to eight under after 10 holes, but slipped back as the putts refused to drop.

"I was right on the deadline for getting in the tournament, so it is nice to be here," Cochran said. "You try to tell yourself of a hig deal; you'll get over it. "I dropped out of the US But once you are here and you see so many friends pulling for you, it makes things a little more special. They don't hit any shots for you, but you put your heart and soul into every shot, and it really belps."



Agassi loses temper again

Tennis

The top seed, Pete Sampras, and the Olympic gold medallist, Andre Agassi, have struggled into the quarter-finals of the ATP Tour Championship in Ohio, but the Wimhledon champion, Richard Krajicek, bowed out. Sampras, the world No 1,

saved a match point in the third set before overcoming the Australian Mark Woodforde 6-7, 7-5, 7-6. After also losing a first-set tie-break, Agassi, the world No 7, took control of his match against a qualifier and fellow American Alex O'Brien to win 6-7, 6-3, 6-0. Krajicek, the seventh seed,

fell 7-6, 6-2 to the 10th-seeded Thomas Enqvist of Sweden, the Dutchman enduring problems with his first serve throughout the match. Agassi, criticised for his on-

court behaviour at the Olympics, became infuriated when he lost the opening set, walking to his courtside chair and smashing his racket on the ground. His actions went unpunished by the umpire. "He should have had a point penalty for that, but everyone is afraid of him," O'Brien said. "He can do anything he wants; he's the king. That's just the way it is."

Agassi said he was glad he had lost his temper. "I wanted to win the match. I was trying to get su-gry to get myself back into it again. It was a good mad."

After a see-sawing first set, the top-seeded Monica Seles of the United States took control and defeated the ninth-seeded

7-6 6-1, to move into the quarter-finals of the Canadian Open in Montreal. The No 2 seed. Arantra Sanchez Vicario of Spain, received treatment for a strained forearm muscle when leading 3-2 in the first set of her match against the South Africao, Amanda Coetzer. Sanchez Vicario won 7-5, 6-1.

Amy Frazier of the US. the No 13 seed, surprised by beating the No 8 seed, Mary Pierce of France, 6-3, 6-3, and the sixthseeded Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria won 6-3, 3-2 over Jennifer Capriati, who had to retire with a side strain.

After trailing 3-5 in the first set, Sabatini rallied to a 4-2 lead in the tie-break before going down. The second set, and the match, then fell quickly to Seles.

Lennon imagines more glory

STUART ALEXANDER reports from Cowes

Mike Lennon was vesterday halfway to a fully paid trip to Key West, Florida, in winning the seven-race series for Melges 24s at Cowes Week. The national champion counted four firsts, two seconds and a third to take him to Barcelona in October for the deciding Gold Cup series, where he must beat Italy's Giorgio Zuccoli, the winner of the first qualifier in Kiel, **Germany**.

The American-designed sportshoats have grabbed attention here because there is more than just the Cowes Week glory as a reward for winning. Lennon is relieved oot to have to sail today, when another strong wind is forecast. "This year I was a lot more tense than ished second. last. The class is increasingly at-A fourth placing was enough tractive to top sailors, including Olympic medallists, but the win here also puts me psychologically

national championship at Brixham in a couple of weeks."

He expects Barcelona to be equally tough in the race to represcot Europe against the Americans in January. The committee failed to oote

in a good position to defend the

down the sportsboat finish, and also having a little difficulty finding the right course was Ludde Ingvall's Nicorette - "a slight clerical error", the oavigator said. They sat on Mike Slade's Longobarda, pouring dirty air down oo her and forcing her back to third as the Russians

scored their first maxi win. Johnsy Caulcutt's Maxipep fin-

to give Nicorette the mani prize for the week overall, but the Class One decider will be between two Bashford-Howison 41s. Glyn Williams made it two in a row yesterday as his Wolf, steered by Matt Humphries, pipped by 59 seconds Jocelyn Waller's Silk 2, steered by Mark Heeley, with Gordon Maguire calling the shots.

Humphries praised the navigator Julian Salter for keeping them out of trouble as Silk 2 and Nigel Bramwell's Hawk both went aground off Beaulieu. "It was a very tactical race and we sailed well," said Humphries, the skipper of Dolphin & Youth in the 1993-94 Whitbread.

St Helens arrive unscathed to- Kear feels, following Workingday at the end of a month on the ton Town's defeat by Oldham last road which their coach, Shaun week. "I've had to play a much McRae, always believed would tighter style of rugby, which has

Saints still on the march

make or break their Stones Super League title ambitions, writes Dave Hadfield. Saints have battled through major tests at Londoo and

Castleford with a determination that suggests that this evening's visit to Paris should be well within their compass. "Everyooc would think this is the easiest of the four, but that could make it one of the toughest," McRae said.

He will be without Vila Matautia, possibly for the rest of the season, but Alan Hunte is fit to return, making it a straight swap at centre.

It is a mark of McRae's influence at Saints that today's opposing coach, John Kear, regards him as the difference between Paris having a chance of causing an upset and, realis-

tically, having none.
"Before Shaun arrived, I would have thought we might have a go at them and get something," Kear said. "But I've stud-ied the videos of the London and Castleford matches, where they really rolled their sleeves up and toughed it out - very up-Sames

That's the difference this season and why they will prob-ably win the title."

The pressure is off Paris,

but which has been justified," he said. "Now I can ease up on them and let them off the reins just to

see what might happen."

He will be without one of his Australian colony, Todd Brown, loday and possibly another, Danny Smith, but hopes that two of his Frenchmen, Didier Cabestany and Fabien Devecchi, will pass fitness tests.

In today's other match. Warrington - mmus the ostracised lestyn Harris - try to regroup for a stab at a top four place with a home game against Castleford, whose coach John Joyner has ended speculation about his future by agreeing a new 12 month contract. Joyner had been linked with the Australian club Western

Kelly Shelford continues in Harris' place at stand-off, with young Wayne Stevens holding his place at prop and Richard Henare returning on the wing. The Great Britain coach,

Phil Larder, has reassured Harris that, despite his troubles with his club, he will be in the tour squad to be named on Tuesday. Struggling Workington Town. the Super League's basement club, are to issue 50,000 new £5 shares in an attempt to pay off pressing debts.

British boats benefit from brinkmanship

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British brinkmanship kept supconters on the edge of their seats at the World Championships in Motherwell yesterday, as three crews squeezed through the semi-finals while two more failed to qualify for tomorrow's finals. The coxed four seemed set to

give challenge Romania over the first 500m, only to drop away then lose out to France just after midway. They eased down with the line in sight to take the third qualification place. The lightweight quadruple sculls fell behind at the start and

won through to the final from

another third-place finish, but only after a massive struggle with the American boat. The closest call of the day came from the lightweight single sculler, Susan Appleboom, who plans to retire after these championships. Appleboom fell behind when she missed her second stroke at the start and at S00m was lying fourth. Only a final sprint over the final 200 metres brought her through to

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

PREMIER DIVISION

Some of the world's top athletes will be in Sarajevo for a solidarity meeting organised by an IAAF delegatation which has travelled to Bosnia to finalise the details. It is scheduled for 9 September and is aimed at helping to rebuild the war top off.

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SECOND TEST: Moin punishes helpless England attack before opener responds with a smooth half-century

Stewart masks the deficiencies

DEREK PRINGLE

reports from Headingley Pakistan 458 England 104-1

There was a markedly better crowd here yesterday, but if those present were hoping for England to make amends for Thursday's limp bowling performance, they were disappointed. Pakistan, already sensing their opponents help-lessness, piled further emharrassment upon a team already humiliated by a pitch whose early promise had turned foul.

Having made 448, Pakistan had 22 overs to inflict a mortal wound on England, which, given their usual brittleness when faced with large totals, was more than enough. Yet it did not happen, and just as Headingley's pact with England's bowlers had fallen foul of some aggressive strokeplay, so too did Pakistan's, the stinging retort from Alec Stewart's bat bringing him an unbeaten fifty, off only 57 balls.

It was a commanding knock, as silken as it was swift, following as it did in the wake of Atherion's early departure, caught behind off an inside-edge. If proof was needed that this pitch was always too good not to bat first on, then Stewart, whose eight boundaries covered every shot in the book, was it.

True England's bowlers have been inconsistent and persistently bowled too short, but the pitch now looks as flat as any this summer. Moin Khan was quick to take advantage of that, and bis chirpy century was yet another beam of Pakistani sunlight to throw into sharp relief the England captain's decision to field first, which increasingly looks like a last desperate roll of the dice rather than a choice

steeped in logic and reason. Whatever the reasons - protracted, or instant and from the gut - the decision was certainly to Moin's liking as he clipped, cut and stole his way to his century, the first to be made by a Pakistan wicketkeeper against England. It was a fine effort, and one all the more poignant considering that he would not have played had Rashid Latif not inured his back.

Like Ijaz Ahmed, the other century-maker here. Moin has had an intermittent Test career.



Perfect six: Moin Khan drives England's Dominic Cork straight over the boundary ropes on his way to a century at Headingley yesterday

played just 19 Tests. His sporadic appearances including a spell of captaincy during a oneday tournament in Sharjah. Even so, he now has three centuries to his name, a number not bettered by many modern wicket-keepers with far more Tests

It might never have happened, however, had Alan Mulially not dropped a fairly straightforward catch at long leg when the keeper had eight. And although the damage to England's chances of

down a caught and bowled, they were chances that ought to have been taken.

England's bowling so wholeheartedly poor on Thursday, was better directed yesterday, though it lacked the conviction of those happy and strong enough to shrug off the culpa-bility of the previous day's fiasco. Tellingly, not a wicket was taken in the morning session as Moin and the gritty Asif Muitaha added 69 runs.

Only Cork, still managing to fter Moin had clobbered 24-year-old from Karachi bas by the time Dominic Cork put him straight for a six, looked

hungry for wickets, despite the idignity of having Jack Russell stand up to him behind the stumps, in the end he took three of the four wickets to fall, managing to finish with the third five-wicket haul of his career.

Unfortunately for England, his fellow bowlers appeared intent on reining back, sensing a draw to be the best result they could hope for. Chris Lewis, having bowled well against Iudia, started well, beating Moin twice in his first over, but if the puerile suggestion of a good and bowled that Waqar Younis public school flogging aired in one of the broadsheets was an meat of the bat. early motivation, he soon lapsed back into a familiar failing here, so often the crucible for vul-

pitch, which was more than Andy Caddick and Mullally did, the pair settling for a negative line.

It was a mildness that allowed Asif to ease his way to a slow fifty, an innings that seemed set in concrete until Graeme Thorpe, unsighted at slip, managed to cling to a hot chestnut of a catch off Cork. Moin followed after tea, edging an attempted cut to Russell, who would have enjoyed the best view of Cork's next dismissal, a brilliant caught

The rowdy Western terrace, by dragging the ball down short.
At least he tried to hit the life, revelling in the bowler's

lengthy eyeballing of the Pakistani fast bowler, a foolhardy thing to do with your batsmen about to go and face him. When the time came, how-

ever, there was nothing cowed ahout England's response, Atherton striking a rapid 14, including a back-foot drive off Waqar, whose origins were closer to the Caribbean than Manchester. Sadly it did not last, Wasim Akram finding the inside edge of a diagonal hat.

Happily for England, for whom a draw is the only realistic result, it is a mistake Pakistan have not looked like

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Australia propose England challenge-

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

Rugby could ead up with its sain soap — home and away least against Australia — according to reports from the Southern Hemisphere. Australia are in quired, under their contract with Channel Seven, in which BSkyB's owner. Rupert Mardoch, has a 15 per cent stake to play six Tests at home cash season and are proposing any mual home and away matches against England to help them meet that commitment.

They would want to play England in Sydney or Brisbane in July, and at Twickenham in No. vember, but it remains to be seen. how keen the Rugby Foother Union will be on introducing a tra fixtures. Last night the RF162 put a damper on the possibilities of England's top clubs setting to a new tournament with South Africa's provincial teams.

Peter Wheeler, the Leicest chief executive and a key from in the English Professional by Union Clubs, is due to right Louis Luyt, the Republic's hard of rugby, in South Africa The tournament is though to the on the agenda, but Tony Hall the the RFU secretary, said: "At the moment we bave a very tered season, which has alm suffered its first casualty with postponement of the After Welsh challenge match Twickenham between Bath Neath. We should be co dating the fixture list, adding to it."

Of his meeting with Line Wheeler said in a newspaper terview: "We are going to disof all the uncertainty it is just as well that we find out what other opportunities may exist." He called for a meeting with the RFU as a matter of urgency because he felt there were still a lot of issues to be sorted out.

He had said in the interview that Twickenham had refused provide full insurance cover for England players on internaclubs were threatening to pref x vent their players appearing for their country. Hallett reluted that suggestion. "The insurance needs only to be ratified between said. "We have agreed with the clubs a formula of pro rata cov er, which means the RFU will pay his insurance for the 38 days. when a man is on England duty. The insurance has been complicated by possible less of carnings, now that we are in a professional game. I talked to Peter Wheeler about this and I believe he was given the full, proposed way of doing this before

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he left for South Africa." RFU officials were said to be irritated they had not received a promised letter from the Five Nations committee detailing the reaction to their proposals on the broadcasting issue. They were promised it within 48 hours of Tuesday's meeting of the other four members of the committee.

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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22 Lassitude gripping Greek character in middle of Athenians (5)

23 Contending feminine principle has very good supporters

Tendulkar is India's new captain Sachin Tendulkar was appointed of series." Gundappa Viswa- matches in which he was captain

India's captain yesterday, taking over from Mohammad Azharuddin, who was sacked after seven years in the job.

Tendulkar, 23, will be India's second-youngest captain after "Tiger" Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi, who was made captain at the age of 21.

"We felt Azharuddin's performance as captain was not up to the mark for the last couple

nath, the chairman of India's selection committee, said.

Azharuddin recently led India on their tour of England when they were beaten 1-0 in the three-Test series, and he was also captain when they lost in the semi-finals of the World Cup played in India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan earlier this year.

victory in 11 out of the 37 test if he was retained in the side.

- more than any other Indian captain - but has been troubled by poor hatting form and pressures in his personal life. Tendulkar, who made his Test

four-nation Singer Cup starting in Sri Lanka later this month. Azharuddin said he would ex-Azharuddin, 33, led India to tend full support to Tendulkar

Norman circles familiar waters

TIM GLOVER reports from Louisville,

Greg Norman was heading for another weekend rendezvous with Nick Paldo as the 78th US PGA Championship at Valhalla went into overtime vesterday. Norman, the world No 1, had a hectic schedule but still managed to appear on the leaderboard at the half-way stage.

It has been a frustrating season in the majors for the Great White Shark: runner-up, of course, to Faldo in the Masters at Augusta National; joint-10th in the US Open and joint-seventh in the Open at Royal Lytham. Neither he nor Faldo have won the US PGA, and in his litany of near-misses the Australian was second in 1986

and runner-up again in 1993. Some defeats are harder to take than others, and the question haunting Norman is whether or not he can recover his nerve after the trauma of his collapse at Augusta in April. Leading by six strokes going into the

final round, he shot 78 to Fal- safely in the clubhouse with a the 10th. However, he came do's 67 and has since maintained that he did not, in fact, choke on a scale that would have made the Boston Strangler look like an amateur.

Yesterday Norman moved into contention again hut, just when he threatened to move alongside the leaders, he got hit for six on the back nine. In the first round on Thursday afternoon he had been left high and not so dry by a thunderstorm that halted play for nearly four hours, and was one of 60 players out of 150 that were unable to complete their rounds.

Norman was at one under par after 14 holes and he had to return to the course at 7.20am yesterday and play four holes before returning to the first tee to play the second round. Norman took advantage of conditions that were almost perfect, a breeze replacing the suffocaddies up in arms about not being able to wear shorts. Norman picked up three birdies in four holes to finish the first round with a 68, four under par and a

69 before the storm broke.

Ian Woosnam, who also had to rise early to continue his first round at the 15th, had a six at the 18th after being in a position to share the lead with Phil Mickelson, Kenny Perry and the Fijian Vijay Singh. Woosnam, resuming BI five under par, dropped to four under, and in the second round he struggled over the front nine hefore launching a recovery. Woosnam had three succes-

sive bogeys from the sixth. He missed from six fect to save par at the sixth; drove into the left rough at the seventh before missing the green from 120 yards with his third shot, and at the short eighth he dropped another stroke, missing a live footer. As Norman faltered turning for home, the Welshman retrieved his round with hirdies at the 13th and 14th. Norman got cating humidity that had the to seven under for the championship but dropped a shot at the 12th and a double-bogey six at the 15th put him at four under. along with Woosnam.

Perry, a Kentuckian, moved stroke in front of Faldo, who was to eight under with a hirdic at

home in 37 for a 72 that left him on six under. Perry was warned about slow play at the 13th and was told at the 17th that if he did not improve his pace of play he would be penalised a stroke. At the 18th, facing a three-foot putt for a birdie, he hurried the

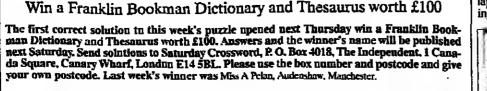
stroke and missed. Last night the field was re-duced to the leading 70 players and ties, and Colin Montgomerie, the world No 2, was in danger of missing the cut. He had a torrid time on the back nine in the second round and a bogey at the 12th, a double bogey on 15 and another bogey on 16 put him at four over for the championship. At that point he was 12 strokes adrift of Mickelson.

Montgomerie has a poor record in the majors this year. He was joint-39th in the Masters, joint-10th in the US Open and he missed the cut in the Open Championship last month. Another bogey on 17 left him at five over, and for Montgomerie Valhalla looked more like Hades.

The highlight of Singb's second-successive 69 was a hole in one with a 5-iron at the 208-yard 14th. Meanwhile Mickelson, who had a 67 in the first round had hirdies at the 13th and 14th to get to eight under. Norman had to settle for a level-par 72. and another who got to four under was Justin Leonard. The 24year-old Texan, one under after the first round, made a spectacular start to the second with a birdie at the first and an cagle three at the second hole.

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In Monday's 20-page sport section

There were emotions I could only share with those close to me, but I didn't want people thinking poor old Southgate'. All I know is that, however low I felt, the reaction of the rest of the country helped me through it. I received literally thousands of letters, all

supportive bar three' Gareth Southgate talks to Phil Shaw about life after Euro 96 Plus: Glerin Moore at the Charity Shiald, Derek Pringle on the Third Test and Derick Allsop on the Hungarian Grand Prix



In tomorrow's independent on Sunday

'If you're an ex-player it is difficult to find that same adress." If you're an ex-player it is unificult to fitto diet same and it's ex-alin surge. For 20 years you have had this buzz, and it's ex-if it's taken away from you almost quembifut. I was busy because live TV does give you a buzz. Nothing will ever re-place playing and scoring a goal but TV comes very close.

Andy Gray talks to Simon O'Hagan In The Season 3 400th ball preview supplement which appears free tomprove

